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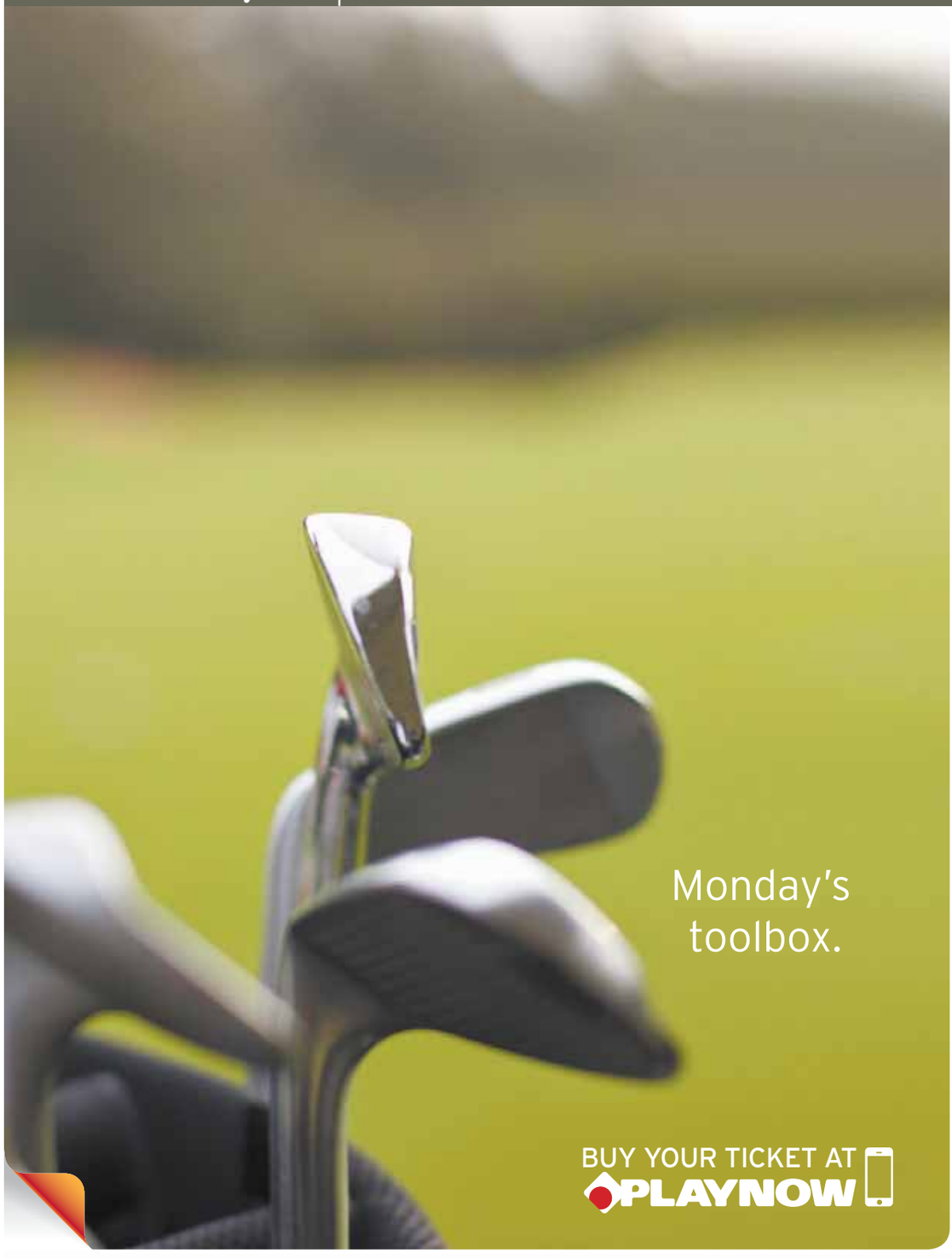


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## Meet the new face of safe

**Jazmine Khan stands outside the women's change room at the Hillcrest Centre, which features new trans-inclusive signage as part of a Vancouver park board campaign. Story, page 8.** JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

# B.C. oil, gas health risks low: Report

ENVIRONMENT

## But analysis admits limited knowledge of fracking fallout

Emissions from the booming oil and gas industry in Northern B.C. present a low risk to human health, according to a report released by the province Thursday.

The extensive health risk assessment found that air concentrations of chemicals from oil and gas activity — which is expected to skyrocket if the province's liquefied natural gas plans succeed — were below the health exposure limits.

But it also found problems with emergency planning zones and pointed to limited knowledge about the consequences of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," the process of blasting millions of litres of water and chemicals into shale rock formations to extract natural gas.

The report by Intrinsik Environmental Sciences made 14 recommendations, including increased monitoring of air quality and groundwater, and better management of flaring, venting and fugitive emissions.

When it comes to public safety, it suggested updating how emergency planning zones are calculated, but didn't increase the distance wells must be set back from facilities such as homes and schools.

As for fracking, it recommended requiring companies to test groundwater before drilling and disclose the chemicals in their fracking fluid to health authorities in case of emergency.

Health Minister Terry Lake said the province accepts all recommendations and has started working on them immediately.

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# East Van house sells for 35% more than listed: Realtor

REAL ESTATE

## Home is in 'smoking hot' community, says agent

Neal Hall
Metro | Vancouver

An East Vancouver house recently listed for almost $1.6 million has sold for $567,260 over the asking price, a new record, says the realtor who sold the property for $2,167,000.

"It went for 35 per cent above the list price," realtor Paul Eviston said. "It's a record in terms of percentage for the whole city."

He said he's never seen anything like it during his 30 years in the business.

"It's a little crazy, but I call it the new reality," Eviston said of the East Van housing market.

"That area is smoking hot. It's an area of high demand and low supply."

The house at 65 East 26th Ave. is two blocks west of Main Street and has the look of a three-bedroom heritage home. It was built a year ago with a legal one-bedroom basement suite and is on a 31.25- by 107-foot lot.

The owners who built the house wanted a larger home and the new owners were a local couple in their early 40s, Eviston said.

Three potential buyers made a series of offers before the 2,154-square-foot house was sold, he said.

The sale also set a new record for the price per square foot — roughly $1,000 — for East Vancouver, Eviston said.

One of the attractive features was that it wasn't a new home, which would have required the buyer paying GST on the sale, he said.

**$2.16M**

**The East Vancouver house, which was originally listed for $1.6 million, sold for about $2.16 million.**

"Part of what's driving this is the government put GST on new homes but not used homes."

Bidding wars for East Vancouver homes are now common, sometimes driving up the final price by 20 to 30 per cent.

"People will pay for where they want to live," Eviston said of the bidding wars.

Some buyers are deciding to sell their west side homes for $3 million, buying smaller homes on Vancouver's east side and putting $1 million in their pockets for retirement, he added.

**The house at 65 East 26th Ave. is well situated, just two blocks west of Main Street. It was built a year ago to look like a heritage home.** JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

B.C. LEGISLATURE

## Trial hears of previous terror plots

The man accused of plotting to bomb the B.C. legislature was recorded lamenting a missed chance to murder hundreds of soldiers and their loved ones at a military homecoming celebration, a B.C. Supreme Court jury has heard.

"I could have killed 225 Canadian soldiers coming back from Afghanistan, and all their families," says Nuttall about an event at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt in Victoria, B.C., that supposedly took place in early May 2013.

"All I would have needed is two sniper rifles and some grenades. Imagine the damage I could have done," he says, gesturing excitedly to the undercover officer in a covert police video taken in May 2013.

There was no indication that a ship returned to the Vancouver Island base at that time.

Fewer than two months later, Nuttall and his wife Amanda Korody were arrested for allegedly planting three homemade pressure-cooker bombs on the lawn of the B.C. legislature on Canada Day.

In audio and video recordings taken in May of that year and played for the jury on Thursday, Nuttall tells the undercover officer of applying alongside his brother to join the Canadian military years earlier and feeling "dejected" after he was refused admission for health reasons.

Nuttall and Korody have pleaded not guilty to four terrorism-related charges.

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# Police investigating west-side sex assault

CRIME

## Officers were unable to find suspect after search of area

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Police are investigating a sexual assault on Vancouver's west side.

Around 6 a.m. Thursday, a 30-year-old woman was jogging on West 16th Avenue near Discovery Street when she was attacked from behind, according to police.

Authorities said the man threw her to the ground and sexually assaulted her. The victim managed to scream and fight him off.

"She received some minor injuries in the assault and is understandably extremely distraught and shaken by the incident," police said in a news release.

Officers searched the area with a police dog but failed to find the suspect.

**Vancouver police investigators canvass the 4300 block of 16th Avenue following a sexual assault on Thursday morning.**
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Investigators plan to canvass the neighbourhood and search for witnesses.

The attack comes two years after a string of six sexual assaults reported nearby at the University of B.C. campus between April and October 2013.

Last week, a young woman was reportedly grabbed by the neck near the lobby of the Totem Park Residence and dragged to a poorly lit area.

University RCMP said she managed to escape. A 27-year-old man was reportedly arrested and charged with attempted sexual assault and assault of a police officer.

A month ago, an 18-year-old woman who was walking alone in the area of Mundell Park in the southern part of the UBC campus was attacked from behind.

In the Feb. 22 incident, University RCMP said, the woman managed to break free and the man fled the scene.

Anyone with information about Thursday's attack is asked to contact police at 604-717-0600 or, if they wish to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

STRATHCONA

# Woman injured in home invasion

A woman is in hospital with serious injuries after an unknown man invaded her East Vancouver home and violently sexually assaulted her.

The stranger was armed with a weapon when he broke into the Strathcona home on Thursday around noon, attacked the woman, tied her up and sexually assaulted her, according to a statement from Vancouver police.

A Good Samaritan passing by heard the woman's screams, entered the home and began struggling with the attacker, according to police. The woman managed to escape, but police said she had already sustained "significant injuries."

The Good Samaritan held the suspect with the help of others until nearby officers arrived to arrest him.

The man remains in custody. Police will recommend charges.

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## IN BRIEF

**Mounties seek public's help finding assailants in 'vicious' campfire attack**

Richmond RCMP investigators are trying to identify four men who attacked three innocent people sitting around a campfire celebrating an anniversary.

Police responded to a noise complaint after 11 p.m. on Feb. 28 along a secluded area of River Road between No. 7 and No. 8 Road and were shocked to discover the victims — a female and two males — tied up and badly beaten.

The victims were all transported to hospital and have since been released.

Police said the "disturbing and vicious" attack by four men was an apparent case of mistaken identity.

The suspects were described as being in their mid-20s to mid-30s, with one being Caucasian and the others being of "mixed ethnicity."

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# Smog hurts the mind, too: Study

AIR POLLUTION

## Mental, physical health impacts are global, says researcher

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

New research that suggests a link between smog and mental health highlights an urgent need for governments to treat air pollution as a major global health concern, says a University of B.C. researcher.

In an editorial published this week in the BMJ, Michael Brauer points to findings from two studies published in the same issue of the peer-reviewed medical journal that suggest air pollution takes a toll not only on physical health but also on mental well-being.

Brauer, a professor in UBC's school of population and public health, said the findings underscore the importance of improving air quality to reduce the prevalence of mental illness.

**Smog covers Minsk, the Belarusian capital, in this Oct. 29, 2014, photo.** SERGEI GRITS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"Mental health is a huge problem globally and in Canada, and is one of the things that is growing," he told Metro. "It's also something we don't really have a very good handle on (in terms of) the risk factors."

In the first study, researchers carried out a systematic review of 103 studies to confirm the connection between air pollution and cardiovascular health, finding that dirty air may trigger strokes in already vulnerable people.

While that finding isn't new, Brauer said the second study offers intriguing evidence that air pollution might also affect mental health.

Researchers followed 71,271 women in the United States, finding that 15 per cent of women had high symptoms of anxiety significantly associated with exposure to dirty air.

Although more research is needed to confirm the connection, Brauer said the findings hold promise for developing a cost-effective way to reduce the burden of disease from both stroke and mental illness.

> **Air pollution ... isn't something that people can really control.**
> UBC researcher Michael Bauer

Exposure to air pollution is almost universal, Brauer said, a unique feature of smog as a risk factor for disease.

"Air pollution, unlike other risk factors, isn't something that people can really control," he said. "A physician could say, 'Don't smoke and get lots of activity (to improve health),' but it's really hard to say, 'Go find clean air' if you happen to live in China or India."

But even if governments make modest changes, Brauer said it has the potential to benefit "hundreds of millions of people."

"It's really quite dramatic," he said.

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POLITICS

# New ridings possible for Surrey, Richmond

The Electoral Boundaries Commission announced Thursday that it proposes to add two new ridings in Surrey and Richmond to keep up with population growth.

Tom Melnick, chair of the commission, said Thursday that the commission is proposing to increase the number of MLAs to 87 from the current 85.

The commission is proposing to add a new riding in the Cloverdale area of Surrey and create a new riding of Richmond-Queenborough, which includes part of New Westminster.

The commission delivered its preliminary report Thursday to the speaker of the legislature and will invite public input and submissions by MLAs before submitting its final report on Sept. 25, 2015.

Public hearings will also be held about the proposed boundary changes to 49 ridings across B.C., including Langley, Chilliwack, the Comox Valley and Princeton.

Melnick said changes are being proposed to try to keep the number of people in electoral districts roughly the same.

"Population growth is not uniform throughout the province," Melnick said Thursday during a media briefing at the B.C. legislature press theatre in Victoria.

Commission members included Melnick, a B.C. Supreme Court judge, Bev Busson, the former commissioner of the RCMP, and Keith Archer, chief electoral officer of B.C.

The commission was appointed in May 2014 and visited 29 communities to hear from presenters, as well as receiving submissions by mail and email.

The legislature reviews the commission's proposals and votes to approve them, reject them, or approve them with alterations. NEAL HALL/FOR METRO

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**A glass of wine is shown in this file photo. You may soon be able to buy wine at the grocery store.** DAVID SILVERMAN/GETTY IMAGES

# Province to sell wine licences

FOOD & DRINK

## Select group of grocery stores to sell booze from shelves

**Neal Hall**
For Metro | Vancouver

The B.C. government plans to sell a number of special wine store licences to the highest bidder to allow grocery stores to sell wine from store shelves, it announced Thursday.

Minister of Justice Suzanne Anton introduced Bill 22, the Special Wine Store Licence Auction Act, which would allow the highest bidder a licence to sell wine from grocery stores.

Anton said these were not new licences, but a limited number of dormant liquor licences that the government plans to auction off.

"This will mean British Columbians will have an easier time picking up their favourite bottle of B.C. wine to go along with their groceries for dinner," the minister said in a statement.

NDP liquor policy critic David Eby said the new move will hurt existing beer and wine stores because the new wine licences for grocery stores are exempt from the one-kilometre rule, which means that a licences would allow grocery stores to sell wine within one kilometre from an existing liquor outlet.

"You could have a grocery store selling wine across the street from a wine store," he said. "It's quite devastating for existing businesses."

Eby added: "They're new, not existing licences. This is another reversal by this government."

The move is another way for the government to raise money to balance the budget, he said.

Eby pointed out that the government recently announced it was eliminating the wholesale purchasing discounts given to beer and wine stores, which upset existing private retailers.

And the government was supposed to announce its new retail pricing structure last week but delayed it, Eby said, pointing out the new retail prices kick in April 1.

"The industry is incredibly frustrated," said Eby, the MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey. "Everybody is going to pay a single wholesale price."

Also Thursday, the government introduced Bill 27, which will modernize special events permits.

The new bill, if passed, would allow a broader class of special events permits for non-profit groups, charitable organizations and businesses seeking to raise money through liquor sales.

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# Vancouver park board launches new trans-inclusive campaign

TRANS RIGHTS

## 18-year-old honoured to be face of new campaign

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Jazmine Khan has been fighting for trans rights since she was kicked out of home for coming out as gay when she was 14.

The 18-year-old is now honoured to be a face of the Vancouver park board's new public awareness campaign that promotes the rights of trans and gender variant people in its community facilities.

"I can't articulate how much it means to me," Khan said at Hillcrest Community Centre on Thursday, where the park board unveiled its posters and gender-neutral signage on universal bathrooms.

"It feels fulfilling to know I finally have a place. I don't have to be shamed and ridiculed for going into women's change rooms just because I don't have the parts," Khan said.

Logan Trudeau, who is featured on another poster, hopes the tagline "Don't stop and stare, stop and think" gets people to pause and realize trans people belong in spaces despite differing appearances.

The campaign stems from a report released last year on ways to make community centres safer and more accessible to the trans community, park board chair John Coupar said at the news conference.

"At its heart it's about making everyone feel comfortable and welcome at our community centres," Coupar said.

It used personal images and stories on the posters to try to build connections and encourage people to learn more.

As part of the report's recommendations, the board also launched a trans friendly swim at Templeton Pool in January. Most noticeably, it's retrofitting signs at Hillcrest to focus on the uses of a space — showering, changing or using the toilet — instead of gender symbols about who belongs there.

Future facilities will be designed to have larger universal spaces along with women's and men's change rooms.

For Khan, the small changes have made a noticeable difference in how welcome she feels at community centres.

"This is a huge issue and it takes time. It's small baby steps but it's happening."

**Jazmine Khan in front of the new bathroom signage at the Hillcrest Community Centre on Thursday.** JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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FISHERIES

## Heiltsuk Nation vows to protect fish stocks

The Heiltsuk Nation is vowing to protect herring in its territory by any means necessary as it readies boats to defend a contentious fishery on B.C.'s Central Coast.

The First Nation has issued a news release saying it met with federal officials about a commercial herring gillnet fishery in its territory Wednesday afternoon but failed to reach an agreement.

Kelly Brown, who directs the Heiltsuk's resource management department, says the industry took 680 tons out of the same area with a recent seine fishery, and a gillnet fishery "would only add insult to injury."

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans opened the herring-roe seine fishery near Bella Bella on Sunday, saying there is enough stock to support the harvest.

The Heiltsuk Nation says it has received strong statements of support from neighbouring bands and other aboriginal governments, including a resolution passed by Coastal First Nations on Wednesday condemning the actions of the department of fisheries.

Chief Councillor Marilyn Slett says she feels the nation has exhausted all means of negotiation with the DFO and it is now prepared to protect the herring "by any means necessary."

"We are saddened that it has come to this, but we cannot stand by while DFO uses flawed science to destroy a resource we have depended on for thousands of years," she says in a release.

"If we don't protect the herring, who will?"

The Heiltsuk Nation is the latest aboriginal band on B.C.'s coast to speak out in a long-standing dispute over the sustainability of the herring fishery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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>
> Chief Councillor Marilyn Slett

### IN BRIEF

**Government approves gold-and-silver mine**

The B.C. government has granted environmental approval to an underground gold-and-silver mine near the Alaska border.

The Brucejack mine is located about 65 kilometres northwest of the community of Stewart and is owned by Vancouver-based Pretium Resources Inc.

Attached to the Ministry of Environment's certificate are 15 conditions related to construction, operation and decommissioning.

The certificate approves the storage of tailings underground and in Brucejack Lake, but the ministry says it still wants more information on the effectiveness of the mine's proposed water-treatment plants.

It says construction cannot proceed until regulators are satisfied that discharges comply with provincial rules and will not harm the nearby Unuk River.

The $450 million project is expected to be completed in two years, create 500 jobs, and once in operation the mine is projected to produce 2,700 tonnes of ore daily. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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EDUCATION

# Union leaders resist plans for teachers

Plans by B.C.'s government to create detailed standards for the professional development of teachers are being met with resistance by union leadership.

Bill 11, the Education Statutes Amendment Act, was introduced by the Ministry of Education in Victoria on Thursday.

Education Minister Peter Fassbender said it's time to put teachers on a similar footing as lawyers, accountants and nurses — professionals with detailed standards for ongoing learning.

He called the bill "enabling legislation" and said talks can now take place with the B.C. Teachers' Federation to develop similar standards.

"Teachers work very hard. They do a lot of good work," he said.

"But what is clear … (is) international research has shown us the quality of professional development directly translates to the job satisfaction and the ability of teachers to be successful and for their students to be successful."

Jim Iker, president of the B.C. Teachers' Federation, said the government didn't consult members on the bill, which he called a diversion from underfunding.

"What we should have been getting is an announcement that the government is not going to expect school districts to have to cut another $29 million," he said. "We should have been expecting today that the government would reinstate adult education programs for free in the K-12 system."

Iker noted there is an upside to the announcement. He said the ministry informed the union that the federation will be involved in "deep consultation" over the next two years.

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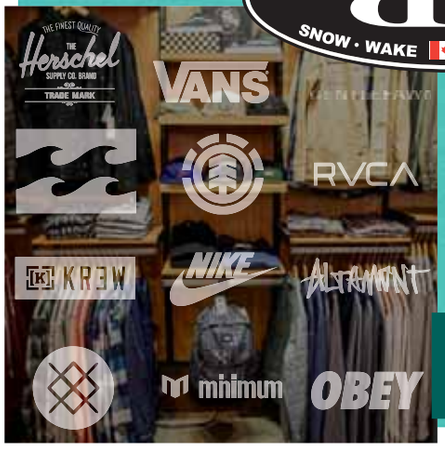


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# Gallery falls short

ART

## Later deadline sought to meet funding target for new facility

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver Art Gallery is asking the city for an extended deadline to raise money for a new gallery, as it is nowhere near the fundraising goal required to relocate to a city-owned site.

Two years ago, the city dedicated the site at Cambie and Georgia to the gallery on the stipulation it raise $150 million from the federal and provincial governments by April 30, 2015, on top of the $50 million it had already received from the province.

But it has only raised $5 million since then, according to a statement from the gallery on Thursday. Neither the federal nor provincial government has expressed an appetite to further invest in the project.

Meanwhile, the three-acre city plot valued at at least $50 million is an "ongoing and growing" financial burden on the city, according to a March 10 letter from Mayor Gregor Robertson to gallery director Kathleen Bartels. The land was leveraged to pay for renovations before the Olympics and has not been paid back.

Robertson wrote that he and council would likely support an extension of the deadline, depending on the design of the new building and whether the gallery consults with the public and other partners on its future plans. The mayor also wants a spot on the gallery's board.

The gallery maintains it is "working tirelessly" to raise both private and government funds. It will announce "major gifts" from private sources when it unveils the design by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron in June.

ENVIRONMENT

# Conservation area for grassland grows

Protection is expanding for grassland in British Columbia's southern Interior in a conservation area home to as many as 50 at-risk species.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada is closing a gap by expanding a grassland conservation area to 1,350 hectares.

Barb Pryce, the conservancy's southern Interior program director, says the Sage and Sparrow Conservation Area near Osoyoos will grow by 130 hectares after the purchase.

Most of the land is what's known as dry bunchgrass steppe, an ecosystem unique in Canada, and the new section includes a lake and a mature Douglas fir forest.

Pryce says less than one per cent of B.C. is grassland, but 30 per cent of the province's at-risk species depend on that grassland for all or part of their life cycle.

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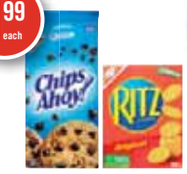


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# The dental dog will see you now

THERAPY

## Patients with high anxiety pat pooches as pre-treatment

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A B.C. dental clinic has gone to the dogs — and their names are Gryphon and Rigby.

Staff at InHarmony Dental Care in Victoria have come up with a way of calming nervous patients before they head into the dentist's office using a pair of old English sheepdog and poodle crossbreeds.

Kate Darrach-Cottick, the clinic's anxiety specialist, said the five-year-old pooches have proven to be incredibly effective at easing extreme anxiety in patients with a dental phobia.

"The dogs are a very calming, grounding experience," she told Metro. "They're silky and they're calm. We use them in almost every case, unless somebody identifies that they don't like dogs."

Using therapy dogs to treat anxiety is not a new idea. Airports, hospitals and even some courts use pups to put people at ease, but dogs at the dentist is a fairly new concept.

A dentist in Seattle uses therapy dogs, as does one in Minnesota. But in B.C., Darrach-Cottick said she believes her clinic is the only one that has therapy dogs on staff.

She said business is booming, with patients travelling from as far as Montreal to visit the clinic when it first opened. Today, the majority of patients are local, with some travelling there from the Lower Mainland.

> **(Patients') heart rate lowers and their blood pressure lowers.**
> Kate Darrach-Cottick

The distance patients will go to visit the clinic is not surprising, considering Statistics Canada figures that reveal 40 per cent of Canadians don't seek dental care due to a fear of the dentist.

Before patients see the dentist at her clinic, Darrach-Cottick said they first visit with her for a pre-consultation to assess anxiety levels.

If the patient responds well to the dogs, the patient will spend time with the animals in a private room before undergoing treatment. The dogs, which are both non-shedding and hypoallergenic, never enter the dentist's office for sanitary reasons, she said.

When patients stroke the dogs' fur, Darrach-Cottick said, the calming effect is almost immediate.

"As soon as they do that, their shoulders go down," she said. "The science is there. Their heart rate lowers and their blood pressure lowers."

While the dogs have proven invaluable to the clinic, Darrach-Cottick said the animals work only two full days a week.

"They do have days off where they just get to be dogs," she said.

**Gryphon, right, and Rigby, a pair of old English sheepdog and poodle crossbreeds, help calm patients' fears at a Victoria dental clinic.** COURTESY VIKTOR DAVARE


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# Most free MP trips to Taiwan, Israel

POLITICS

## Commissioner releases MP travel arranged by outside orgs

Sixty MPs declared 86 free trips — courtesy of advocacy organizations, business groups and foreign embassies — worth a total of $442,524 last year, according to a summary of sponsored travel reports released Thursday by Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner Mary Dawson.

The most popular destinations for travel junkets in 2014 were Taiwan, which received 17 visits, and Israel, which was frequented 12 times.

MPs are required to disclose travel worth more than $500 — and paid for by someone other than the federal government, political parties, interparliamentary associations or the MPs themselves — to the commissioner within 60 days.

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair travelled to Las Vegas with his executive assistant George Smith to speak at the convention for the United Steelworkers International, from Aug. 11 to 12, 2014. The union covered $2,915 in travel costs.

Liberal MP Irwin Cotler travelled to Israel to address a counterterrorism conference in Herzliya from Sept. 4 to 12, 2014. The university IDC Herzliya covered $5,219 in travel costs.

Conservative MP Russ Hiebert travelled to Taipei, Taiwan with his wife, Andrea Heibert, for "economic and cultural education," from April 12 to 26, 2014. The Chinese International Economic Co-operative Association covered $10,867, including $125 worth of gifts.

Liberal MP Stéphane Dion travelled to Spain, visiting Barcelona, Madrid and Tarragona, to participate on multiple panels at a conference from Mar. 8 to 13, 2014. La Fundacion Canada and Federalistes d'Esquerres covered $2,947 in travel costs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

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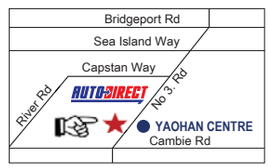


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GUN REGISTRY

# Supreme Court to rule on gun data

The Harper government may be headed for another political collision with the Supreme Court of Canada, which is set to rule Friday on the fate of Quebec's gun registry data.

The Conservatives abolished the registry for long guns in February 2011, fulfilling a five-year-old campaign promise after forming a majority government.

They also ordered that all data collected by the provinces be destroyed — a decision the Quebec government went to court to overturn.

A Quebec judge originally granted the province's request to preserve the data, calling it a constitutional infringement to destroy it.

But that decision was overturned by the Quebec Court of Appeal, which said there was no constitutional violation in the federal order to destroy the data.

The issue is politically charged because the Conservatives see mainly rural long-gun owners as a core constituency.

Jeremy Laurin, a spokesman for Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, defended the government's decision to seek to have the gun registry data destroyed.

"It would be dangerous for our law enforcement to rely on outdated and obsolete information to conduct their operations," Laurin said in a statement.

He reiterated the government's oft-repeated position that the registry was wasteful and that the government "will always stand up for law-abiding hunters, farmers and sport shooters."

So, the Supreme Court will once again find itself ruling on a key area of the government's agenda.

The court has ruled against Conservative policy in a number of key areas, including rejecting the appointment of Quebec judge Marc Nadon to its ranks, rejecting Parliament's right to reform the Senate on its own and upholding the right of Vancouver's controversial Insite safe-injection facility to stay open when the government wanted to close it.

Friday's ruling deals with a narrow legal issue: the Quebec government isn't taking issue with Ottawa's jurisdiction to get rid of the long gun registry, only the provision to destroy the data.

Quebec is arguing that the registry was a joint effort between the provinces and the federal government, giving it the right to keep the data. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Eight years' jail for illegal butt injections

A woman who injected industrial silicone oil into customers' buttocks had no regard for their safety and preyed on her victims for financial gain, a Toronto judge found Thursday as she sentenced Marilyn Reid to eight years in prison.

The sentence means that, with credit for time already spent in custody, the 50-year-old Newmarket, Ont., woman has five years and three months left to serve.

"Ms. Reid has wounded, maimed, disfigured and endangered the lives of the victims," said Superior Court Justice Jane Kelly. "The offences appear to have been motivated by greed."

Reid cradled her head in her hands and looked down at the floor of the prisoner's box as her sentence was delivered.

She had pleaded guilty to eight counts of aggravated assault in January. A ninth victim came forward after her legal case was underway. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CPU | i7-4770 | RAM | 4 GB | HDD | 1 TB
OS | MS Windows 7 or 8 Professional
WARRANTY | 3 year | SKU | 10AL000GUS
~~$1049.99~~ $929.99

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CPU | i5-4570 | RAM | 4 GB | HDD | 500 GB
OS | MS Windows 7 or 8 Professional
WARRANTY | 3 year | SKU | 10AM0007US
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### ThinkCentre® M78 AMD A8 SFF

CPU | A8-6500B | RAM | 4 GB | HDD | 500 GB
OS | MS Windows 7 or 8 Professional
WARRANTY | 3 year | SKU | 10BU0004US
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OS | MS Windows 7 Professional or MS Windows 8 Professional
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SCREEN | 14" HD LED | RESOLUTION | 1366x768
SKU | 20B6009TUS
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### ThinkPad® Edge E540 i5 Notebook

CPU | i5-4200M | RAM | 4GB | HDD | 500GB
OS | Windows 7 or 8 Pro | BATT | 6.2hr
WARRANTY | 1 year | WEIGHT | 5.4 lbs
SCREEN | 15.6" HD LED | RESOLUTION | 1366x768
SKU | 20C6008SUS ~~$780.99~~ $699.99

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CPU | i3-4000M | RAM | 4GB | HDD | 500GB
OS | Windows 7 or 8 Professional
WARRANTY | 1 year | WEIGHT | 5.42 lbs
SCREEN | 15.6" HD LED | RESOLUTION | 1366x768
SKU | 20C600AAUS ~~$655.99~~ $579.99

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SCREEN | 14" HD+ LED | RESOLUTION | 1600x900
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OS | Windows 7 Home Premium (MAR)
WARRANTY | 6 months | WEIGHT | ≈4 lbs
SCREEN | 12.5" HD LED | RESOLUTION | 1366x768
SKU | ONB-ELITE-2560P ~~$419.99~~ $399.99

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OS | Windows 7 Home Premium (MAR)
WARRANTY | 6 months | WEIGHT | ≈5 lbs
SCREEN | 14" HD LED | RESOLUTION | 1366x768
SKU | ONB-7827-RZ5 ~~$429.99~~ $379.99

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OS | Windows 7 Home Premium (MAR)
WARRANTY | 30 days | WEIGHT | ≈4 lbs
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OS | Windows 7 Professional (MAR)
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OS | Windows 7 Home Premium (MAR)
WARRANTY | 6 mos | SKU | ODT-LEN-M71E
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OS | Win 7 HP (MAR) | GPU | Quadro FX1700
WARRANTY | 6 mos | SKU | ODT-XW4600-6M
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### OffLease Acer Vertiton M670G

CPU | E5200 | RAM | 4 GB | HDD | 320 GB
OS | Windows 7 Home Premium (MAR)
WARRANTY | 6 mos | SKU | ODT-M670G-4G
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### OffLease HP SFF Athlon 64 X2

CPU | X2 540B | RAM | 4 GB | HDD | 160 GB
OS | Windows 7 Home Premium (MAR)
WARRANTY | 6 months ~~$249.99~~ $229.99
SKU | ODT-DC5850-7HP-6M

### OffLease HP SFF Dual Core Home

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ANTI-TERROR BILL

# Ex-spymaster says activists need not fret

Many demonstrators are flattering themselves when they publicly fret about coming under the scrutiny of security services, says a former spymaster.

Ray Boisvert said Thursday the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had the resources to monitor only those threats "in the red, high-risk, high-probability zone" when he served as the agency's assistant director of intelligence earlier this decade.

"That meant that we had no time to even consider looking at any sort of lesser evils that were emerging out there," Boisvert told the House of Commons public-safety committee, which is studying a sweeping new security bill.

Boisvert, now a security consultant, said he takes "great offence" to commonly voiced concerns that the legislation would effectively place legitimate protest under the CSIS lens, adding that groups and individuals "should not flatter yourself to that degree."

Boisvert and David Harris, another retired CSIS officer, backed a legislative proposal to allow the spy agency to actively derail terror plots — not just gather information about them.

It would give CSIS flexible options to handle threats, Harris told the MPs. "These can be very important in moving decisively when there may be a risk situation developing," said Harris, also a private consultant.

> **This isn't who we are as Canadians.**
> Zarqa Nawaz, creator of Little Mosque on the Prairie

Under the bill, CSIS could take clandestine measures that violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as long as a judge approves the actions.

The disruption provisions would conscript judges into the "dirty business" of spying, said Ziyaad Mia of the Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association.

"It turns the role of the judiciary completely upside down," he said. "This is not the role of judges in our system."

Zarqa Nawaz, creator of television's Little Mosque on the Prairie, said an informed citizenry is the best defence against extremism. During personal reflections about her life as a Muslim in Canada, she expressed concern about the recent wave of disrespectful comments about Islam.

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## DEFENCE

**Budget watchdog says military costs unsustainable**

The Harper government has built a military that it cannot afford and will be forced to make tough choices in the future, if it sticks with the current funding envelope, the country's budget watchdog said Thursday.

The new assessment by the parliamentary budget office came as debate kicked off in the House of Commons about an expanded and extended war against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, a conflict that opposition MPs were warned this week will last more than a year.

Jean-Denis Frechette, the parliamentary budget officer, says the federal government will need to either pour more money into its defence budget, scale back its ambitions, or do a mixture of both in order to put Canada's military on a sustainable footing.

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**Defence Minister Jason Kenney speaks with media Wednesday in the foyer of the House of Commons.** ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# MPs told ISIL mission will need more time: Sources

IRAQ AND SYRIA

## Military official said only 650 Kurds have been trained

The training of Kurdish peshmerga fighters has been a slow undertaking that could mean Canada's mission in Iraq and Syria will take more than a year, The Canadian Press has learned.

That was the message officials from the Canadian Forces and Foreign Affairs delivered behind closed doors Wednesday to the main critics of the New Democrats and the Liberals.

The briefing included an officer who currently oversees the strategic joint staff, the military's nerve centre. Neither Defence Minister Jason Kenney nor Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson were present.

Maj.-Gen. Mike Hood, who will soon become the commander of the air force, told the briefing that only 650 peshmerga fighters have been trained since a contingent of 69 elite Canadian commandos deployed to northern Iraq last September, according to multiple sources with knowledge of what was said in the room.

The MPs were told that "this was not a one-year undertaking by any stretch of the imagination, that it will take multiple years," said one source, who insisted on anonymity.

Hood tried to reassure the politicians that CF-18 jet fighters would be able to conduct precision strikes on moving and static targets inside Syria — one objective of a controversial motion by the Harper government.

Sources said Hood told the briefing that the Canadians would get accurate strike information from intelligence and surveillance platforms, but did not say how the intelligence would be gathered.

Hood ruled out sending special forces personnel into Syria to "paint" airstrike targets — identifying and steering laser-guided munitions — as they have done for Kurdish forces in northern Iraq. He also said there were no plans to notify the Syrian government in advance of any air operations.

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## MIDDLE EAST

**U.S. raids**

The U.S. has reportedly been using a third-party country to notify the Syrians know about its raids, the legality of which has been debated.

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**CBC News is laying off 144 people across the country, shrinking English-language local services in a bid to shave $15 million from its operating costs.** NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# More cuts announced by the CBC

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGY

## Broadcaster also aiming to shorten local newscasts to 30 or 60 minutes

CBC is slashing 244 jobs from local news services across the country as it plans to shift some of its limited resources to its digital operations.

The cuts include 144 positions from English-language services and 100 jobs on the French side, which include 20 vacant positions and retirements.

Meanwhile, the public broadcaster is adding 80 new digital jobs as it works towards offering a continuous news stream for mobile users.

Jennifer McGuire, Editor-in-Chief of CBC News, announced the English layoffs in a note to staff, which stressed that no stations would close and all local radio programming would be maintained.

The job losses include 37 positions in Alberta, 30 in Ontario and 25 in British Columbia.

McGuire admitted that "local services will be smaller overall" but said the relative size of each region would remain the same.

"It hits just about everything, it hits technical, it hits editorial, it hits management and administration," McGuire said in an interview.

"We're also looking at efficiencies where we find them and we're looking at how we work differently."

Most of the cuts are related to previously announced plans to shorten local supper-hour newscasts to 30 or 60 minutes. McGuire said the shortened newscasts will be introduced in October, as will a plan to broadcast Radio One morning shows on TV.

Shows in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's, N.L., and the North will be trimmed to 60 minutes, while programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Windsor, Montreal and Fredericton will be chopped to 30 minutes.

The cuts are part of a five-year strategy announced last June by CEO Hubert Lacroix in a bid to increase digital offerings by 2020.

WINNIPEG

# Gallery hopes for $60M to house Inuit art

Winnipeg's art gallery is trying to carve out space to house what's billed as the world's largest public collection of Inuit art — only a fraction of which is ever on display.

The gallery has plans to build a $60-million building for 13,000 pieces that include carvings, prints and drawings. The centre would include a climate-controlled "visible vault" of the collection, which the gallery says would be the first of its kind in North America and would offer education programs about the North.

Gallery director Stephen Borys said the 3,700-square-metre centre would be unique and would help bring the Arctic to the rest of Canada, considered the "deep south" to those in the North. The centre would raise the profile of "an art-making culture that, per-capita, is unparalleled in the world," Borys said.

"There are communities where 20 to 30 per cent of the community are art makers," he said Thursday.

"The art makers, who are behind these incredible objects, will have a platform, a voice and a way to communicate more of the land that they come from — the land that very, very few Canadians ever get the chance to visit."

The gallery has a long way to go before shovels are in the ground. Although its funding request was recently turned down by the city, TD Bank announced a $500,000 donation Thursday to help fund an artist-in-residence and a printmaking studio.

It could be a few years before the centre becomes a reality, Borys said.

"It's something that will take a lot of money, a lot of support," he said. "There will be a building. We know it's going to happen." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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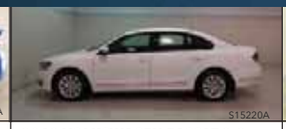
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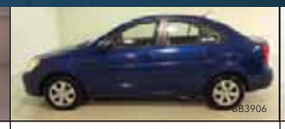
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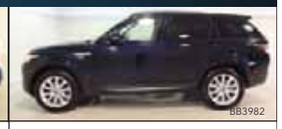
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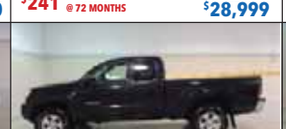
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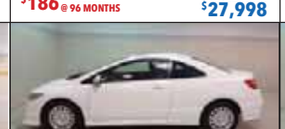
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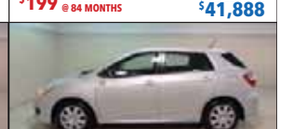
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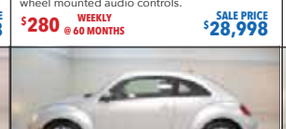
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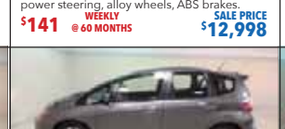
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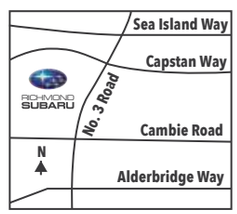


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CHINA

## Grannies face new rules for dances

Along with two dozen of her fellow "dancing grannies," 60-year-old Zhang Jinsu twirls and steps her way every night across a central Beijing plaza, sometimes gliding over the pavement like a butterfly, at other times marching with a plastic rifle.

But when new Chinese government instructions on such popular, and loud, senior dances take hold, Zhang may need to learn a new routine.

Zhang is part of a senior health trend that's filled squares and apartment courtyards across China, winning the admiration of medical experts but upsetting neighbours over the noise level.

"It's never quiet," said Gan Xuehua, a 31-year-old man whose apartment in the southern city of Nanchang overlooks a plaza where the women dance. "These grannies play music all day ... and every night from 7 to 9. It culminates with 70 to 80 people gathering with two 75-centimetre-tall speakers. The music is really loud."

This week, Chinese officials stepped into the fray by announcing the imminent arrival of new regulations on where seniors can dance and how loud they can blast their music. They also unveiled 12 officially sanctioned square dance steps set to such popular songs as "Little Apple" and "China is Beautiful," although an official said the steps were not compulsory.

To some, the square-dance clampdown was a step too far for an increasingly restrictive government that has tightened controls on everything from college classroom lectures to the lavish spending of top government officials.

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# Star Wars sets in Tunisia declared safe from attack

TATOUINE

### President clears up false information for fans

It was a flood of messages from concerned friends abroad that alerted the president of Tunisia's Star Wars fan club that the sets of his beloved film were under attack by militants — at least according to exaggerated reports in the foreign press.

In a country still reeling from a terrorist attack last week on a museum that killed 21 people, a misleading report from CNN that said the iconic sets were a "way station" for the radical Islamic State group infiltrating from Libya soon went viral. The report suggested that the sets were vulnerable after recent arrests and discoveries of weapons caches near the town of Tatouine, which lent its name to Luke Skywalker's home planet.

Tunisian officials on Thursday made clear there was nothing to worry about.

"This information is false and without foundation and doesn't reflect the reality," said Mohammed Sayem, a member of the tourism commission in the western city of Tozeur.

> **We were obliged to reassure our friends and fans abroad that it's fine, everything is OK, the sites are protected**
>
> Abderrahman Amer, Tunisian Star Wars fan

Col. Mokhtar Hammami of the National Guard told The Associated Press he has 1,500 men, including special forces, canine units and bomb control experts under his command patrolling the area.

"I can tell you without a shadow of a doubt that all is normal, in fact we've seen a big influx of foreign tourists and Tunisians" in the area, he said.

The story was picked up widely and was trending on Twitter — even though the main Star Wars sets are hundreds of miles west of Tatouine, on the other side of the country near Tozeur.

"The information is totally crazy, every outlet added a bit more," said Star Wars fan Abderrahman Amer.

"We were obliged to reassure our friends and fans abroad that it's fine, everything is OK, the sites are protected — there was even a festival of electronic music there a few weeks ago," said Amer. "There is a world of difference between an Islamic State base and a music festival."

Concerns over security have heightened after last week's attack at the national museum that killed 21 people, including many foreigners.

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**NEWBORNS PARTY OF FIVE** African lioness named Rani, or Queen, sits with her newly born five cubs at the house of her owner who has grown her as a pet, Thursday in Multan, Pakistan. The lioness gave birth to five healthy cubs. Lions normally only have litters of two or three cubs. ASIM TANVEER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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# Co-pilot locked cockpit, crashed plane on purpose

**Investigators carry boxes from the apartment of Germanwings airliner jet co-pilot Andreas Lubitz, in Duesseldorf, Germany, Thursday.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLIGHT 9525

## Some airlines get stricter on cockpit rules

Passengers with moments to live screamed in terror and the pilot frantically pounded on the locked cockpit door as a 27-year-old German co-pilot deliberately and wordlessly smashed an Airbus carrying 150 people into an Alpine mountainside.

The account Thursday of the final moments of Germanwings Flight 9525 prompted some airlines to immediately impose stricter cockpit rules — and raised haunting questions about the motive of the co-pilot, whose breathing never wavered as he destroyed the plane and the lives of those aboard.

"We have no idea of the reason," Marseille Prosecutor Brice Robin said, revealing the chilling conclusions investigators reached after reconstructing the final minutes of the flight from the plane's black box voice recorder. Co-pilot Andreas Lubitz's intention was "to destroy this plane."

French, German and U.S. officials said there was no indication of terrorism. The prosecutor did not elaborate on why investigators do not suspect a political motive; instead they're focusing on the co-pilot's "personal, family and professional environment" to try to determine why he did it.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose nation lost 75 people on the flight, said the conclusions brought the tragedy to a "new, simply incomprehensible dimension." Devastated families of victims visited the crash scene Thursday, looking across a windy mountain meadow toward where their loved ones died.

The Airbus A320 was flying from Barcelona to Duesseldorf on Tuesday when it lost radio contact with air traffic controllers and began plunging from its cruising altitude of 38,000 feet, before slamming into the mountainside eight minutes later.

The prosecutor laid out in horrifying detail the final sounds heard in the cockpit extracted from the mangled voice recorder.

Lubitz, courteous in the first part of the trip, became "curt" when the captain began the mid-flight briefing on the planned landing, Robin said.

The pilot, who has not been identified, left the cockpit for an apparent bathroom break, and Lubitz took control of the jet.

He suddenly started a manual descent, and the pilot started knocking on the door.

There was no response. "It was absolute silence in the cockpit," the prosecutor said — except for the steady breathing he said indicated Lubitz was not panicked, and acted in a calm, deliberate manner.

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**A building burns after an explosion on Second Avenue on Thursday in New York City.** ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

NEW YORK CITY

## Fire, building collapse injures at least 12

An apparent gas explosion levelled an apartment building, largely destroyed another and launched rubble and shards of glass across streets in the heart of Manhattan's trendy East Village on Thursday, injuring at least a dozen people. Smoke could be seen and smelled for miles.

Restaurant diners ran out of their shoes and bystanders helped one another to escape the mid-afternoon blast, which damaged four buildings as flames shot into the air, witnesses said. Passersby were hit by debris and flying glass, and bloodied victims were aided as they sat on sidewalks and lay on the ground.

"It was terrifying — absolutely terrifying," said Bruce Finley, a visitor from San Antonio, Texas, who had just taken a photo of his food at a restaurant known for its french fries when he felt the explosion next door.

"It just happened out of the blue … We were shaking even an hour, hour and a half later."

Mayor Bill de Blasio said preliminary evidence suggested a gas explosion amid plumbing and gas work inside the building that collapsed was to blame.

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# Saudis, allies plan Yemen invasion

MIDDLE EAST

## Houthi leader defiant under air strikes

The turmoil in Yemen grew into a regional conflict Thursday, with Saudi Arabia and its allies bombing Shiite rebels allied with Iran, while Egyptian officials said a ground assault will follow the airstrikes.

Iran denounced the Saudi-led air campaign, saying it "considers this action a dangerous step." Oil prices jumped in New York and London after the offensive.

The military action turned impoverished and chaotic Yemen into a new front in the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Starting before dawn, Saudi warplanes pounded an air base, military bases and anti-aircraft positions in the capital of Sanaa and flattened a number of homes near the airport, killing at least 18 civilians, including six children. Another round followed in the evening, again rocking the city.

**Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, hold up their weapons Thursday to protest against Saudi-led air strikes, as they chant slogans during a rally in Sanaa, Yemen.** HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rebel leader Abdul-Malik al-Houthi angrily accused the United States, Saudi Arabia and Israel of launching a "criminal, unjust, brutal and sinful" campaign aimed at invading and occupying Yemen.

"Yemenis won't accept such humiliation," he said in a televised speech Thursday night, calling the Saudis "stupid" and "evil."

The Houthis, who have taken over much of the country, mobilized thousands of supporters to protest the airstrikes, with one speaker lashing out at the Saudi-led coalition and warning that Yemen "will be the tomb" of the aggressors.

White House spokesman Eric Schultz told reporters on Air Force One en route to Alabama that President Barack Obama had authorized logistical and intelligence support for the strikes, but that the U.S. is not joining with direct military action.

In the air assault codenamed "Operation Decisive Storm," Saudi Arabia deployed some 100 fighter jets, 150,000 soldiers and other navy units, Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya TV reported.

Also involved were aircraft from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Jordan, Morocco, Sudan and Egypt, though it was not clear which carried out actual strikes.

Once the airstrikes have weakened the rebels and their allies in the military forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a ground invasion of Yemen is planned by Egyptian, Saudi and other forces.

The assault will come from Saudi Arabia and by landings on Yemen's coasts along the Red and Arabian seas, according to three Egyptian military and security officials.

Three to five Egyptian troop carriers are stationed offshore, they said, although the number of troops was not specified, and the timing of the operation was not given.

The aim is not to occupy Yemen but to weaken the Houthis and their allies until they enter negotiations for power-sharing, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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ALABAMA

# Killer grandmother should get life: Jury

A jury is recommending life without parole for a woman convicted of capital murder in her granddaughter's running death.

Jurors, in a non-binding recommendation, rejected prosecutors' pleas for a death sentence for Joyce Hardin Garrard in the February 2012 death of nine-year-old Savannah Hardin.

The decision came on a split vote: seven for life, five for death. It came Thursday on Garrard's 50th birthday. Under Alabama law, a vote of at least 10 of 12 jurors was required for the panel to recommend death. A simple majority could recommend life.

The verdict is only a suggestion under Alabama law. Circuit Judge Billy Ogletree will make the final sentencing decision at a hearing May 11.

The same jury convicted Garrard of capital murder last week.

The jury began deliberating late in the morning after prosecution and defence attorneys presented closing arguments in the sentencing phase of Garrard's trial.

Assistant District Attorney Marcus Reid asked jurors to recommend the death penalty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

**Palestinians committed war crimes too: Amnesty**
**The human rights group Amnesty International said in a report Thursday that Palestinian militants committed war crimes during the 2014 Gaza conflict by killing civilians using indiscriminate projectiles.**

**The 50-day Gaza war left more than 2,100 Palestinians dead, mostly civilians, according to Palestinian and UN officials. On the Israeli side, 66 soldiers and six civilians were killed.**

**Palestinian militants launched unguided rockets and mortars toward civilian areas, a breach of international law, the human rights group said.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# U.S. may permit Iran isotope enrichment

DIPLOMACY

## Centrifuges could run again, with inspections

The United States is considering letting Tehran run hundreds of centrifuges at a once-secret, fortified underground bunker in exchange for limits on centrifuge work and research and development at other sites, officials have told The Associated Press.

The trade-off would allow Iran to run several hundred of the devices at its Fordo facility, although the Iranians would not be allowed to do work that could lead to an atomic bomb and the site would be subject to international inspections, according to Western officials familiar with details of negotiations now underway. In return, Iran would be required to scale back the number of centrifuges it runs at its Natanz facility and accept other restrictions on nuclear-related work.

Instead of uranium, which can be enriched to be the fissile core of a nuclear weapon, any centrifuges permitted at Fordo would be fed elements such as zinc, xenon or germanium for separating out isotopes used in medicine, industry or science, the officials said. The number of centrifuges would not be enough to produce the amount of uranium needed to produce a weapon within a year — the minimum time-frame that Washington and its negotiating partners demand.

The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of the sensitive negotiations as the latest round of talks began between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif. The negotiators are racing to meet an end-of-March deadline to reach an outline of an agreement that would grant Iran relief from international sanctions in exchange for curbing its nuclear program. The deadline for a final agreement is June 30.

One senior U.S. official declined to comment on the specific proposal but said the goal since the beginning of the talks has been "to have Fordo converted so it's not being used to enrich uranium." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**American, European and Iranian officials wait for the start of a meeting at a hotel in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Thursday during negotiations on the Iranian nuclear program.**
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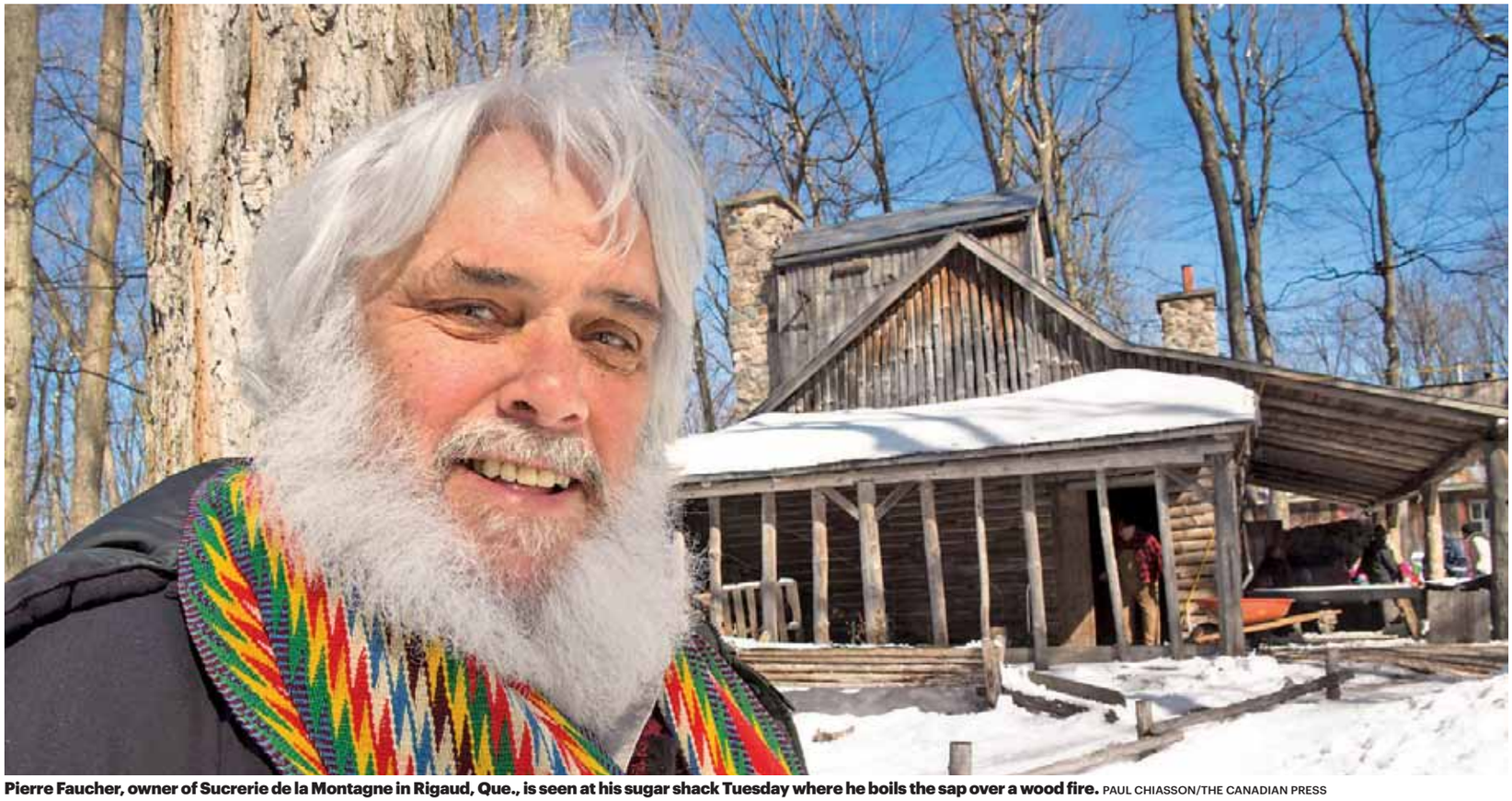

**Pierre Faucher, owner of Sucrerie de la Montagne in Rigaud, Que., is seen at his sugar shack Tuesday where he boils the sap over a wood fire.** PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Long winter slows maple business

SEASONAL INDUSTRIES

## Producers need warmer weather to get the sap flowing

Just like any other crop, maple syrup is at the mercy of Mother Nature, and the frigid winter hasn't been kind to Canadian sugar bush owners.

Many producers, like Ray Bonenberg of Mapleside Sugar Bush south of Pembroke, Ont., are keeping a close eye on the thermometer and anxiously waiting for a stretch of warmer days to get the sap flowing.

"I've been tapping all day, drilling holes and tapping, and it's running on the south side of the tree but not on the north side of the tree. It's too cold," said Bonenberg, who is also president of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association.

But Bonenberg is unfazed, because last season was also late due to the cold temperatures.

Production can vary widely from north to south. A few producers in the Sault Ste. Marie area boiled until May 1 last year, while those south of Highway 7 in Ontario were finished by the second week of April.

Quebec is experiencing a similar situation to Ontario this season, according to Caroline Cyr of the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers.

"In general, the season is late," she said, adding that she expects it to begin in earnest by the end of March.

Pierre Faucher, owner of Sucrerie de la Montagne in Rigaud, Que., was jubilant this week as sap started dripping into his 3,500 buckets. He's not letting the delay get to him. After all, says Faucher, you can't control Mother Nature.

"Nature doesn't have a watch," Faucher said from his operation west of Montreal. A combination of nights below freezing and days above freezing is needed to get the sap flowing in sugar maple trees.

Faucher and four others gather sap by hand and boil it over a wood fire in a sugar shack. It takes about 40 litres of maple sap to make one litre of maple syrup. "Normal people have pipelines and pumps and stuff, but I wanted to keep it traditional," he said.

Deep snow in the Maritimes this winter has meant producers have had to do some digging to uncover their lines. But sap flow a few weeks behind schedule was buying them time to get their trees tapped.

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CABLE AND SATELLITE TV

## CRTC wants contracts easier to understand

Canada's broadcast regulator issued its final thrust Thursday in a series of moves aimed at positioning consumers "in the driver's seat," ahead of the country's broadcasters, offering up a draft code that would require cable and satellite companies to make customer contracts easier to understand.

Broadcast service providers would also have to more clearly spell out fees and policies surrounding early contract cancellations and adding or removing individual channels under the code.

In issuing the proposed code, the CRTC also said it expects closed captioning services for Canadians with disabilities, already available through regular television programming, to be included free of charge when those programs are broadcast online and on mobile devices.

And it said described video — a talk-over service for visually impaired viewers — must be expanded, with a requirement that all programs aired between 7 and 11 p.m. include the service by September 2019.

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ENTERTAINMENT

## Premier pleads for Cirque to stay in Montreal if sold

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard issued an appeal Thursday to the founder of the Cirque du soleil to keep its head office in Montreal.

Couillard told reporters in Quebec City that Guy Laliberte is one of Quebec's great entrepreneurs and the Cirque is a huge source of pride for the province. The premier said it's not only important that the international headquarters and its almost 1,500 workers stay in Montreal, but that the Cirque's creative activities should also remain in the city.

"Let's remember the history of how the Cirque du soleil got started," he said. "It was the government of Quebec … that supported him — taxpayers."

The Globe and Mail reported that bidders have been given until next week to submit offers to purchase Laliberte's controlling stake in the Cirque.

The newspaper cited sources as saying Laliberte has agreed to sell all but 10 per cent of his share. Laliberte owns 90 per cent of Cirque, with the rest controlled by investors in Dubai. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Strange love

THE KOHLER REPORT

**Rebecca Kohler**

I used to think online dating was an inorganic and awkward way to meet people.

"Hello, my computer says we might get along, would you like to eat pho together?"

And maybe it is a little weird, but on second thought, the new-ish phenomenon of apps such as Tinder and OkCupid look totally natural when compared to the age-old art form of matchmaking.

Two B.C. women are asking for their money back after paying a matchmaking service, LifeMates Canada, thousands of dollars to find them Mr. Right ... or at least Mr. Pretty Good. Both women claim that LifeMates set them up on dates with men that came nowhere near to what they'd asked for.

While I feel for the women involved, I don't think they should get their money back because in the words of the Beatles: Can't Buy Me Love.

I hated the movie Inception; I have other friends who thought it was a masterpiece. I think John Fluevog shoes are an affront to the feet they're worn on; I have a friend who won't wear any other brand. If movies and shoes are subjective, why would anyone think we could agree on who's lovable?

I went on a blind date once. My friends told me the guy was tall, dark and cute. I pictured Tom Cruise (on stilts). When I got to the date, my heart sank. The guy wasn't ugly — he was attractive — but he wasn't what I had pictured and he wasn't my type. What is my type? Ha! I wouldn't be able to tell you until I saw it and even then I probably wouldn't be able to pinpoint what it was about that person that caught my eye.

This isn't only about looks. A man who's "funny" to some, might be a Yakov Smirnoff to others. Maybe he's a "great cook," but he cooks vegan and you like steak. There are a million reasons why a good quality on paper might not live up to itself in real life. And what about pheromones and body language and fashion choices? Your date might be nice and cute and smart, but you're too distracted by the socks-and-sandals look to notice.

I've dated online and yes, there were (many) times I was disappointed in that scenario, too. Maybe the guy didn't look like his photo or his funny email banter translated to awkward real-life conversation. One guy kept making racist jokes while another somehow had me paying for everything (actually, I think that was the same guy). But on my way home from those dates, at least I knew *I* had chosen those men.

I had no one to blame for the losers I was dating but myself.

Matchmakers are middlemen while online dating services basically act as a directory of "who's single." You peruse, you choose. Compared to Lifemates Canada, OkCupid looks as natural as a drug-free birth.

If I can't trust the people who know me best to buy me a sweater I like for Christmas, why would anyone trust a stranger to find them love?

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## Happy face/Sad face

From **naked neighbours** to **cat lady whisperers,**
Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

### Grin and bare it

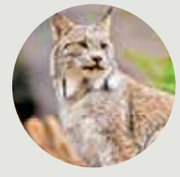
People in Charlotte, N.C., will not get a reprieve from the sight of their neighbour standing buck naked by his doorway several times a week. Police say that while the local law prohibits being nude in places the public has access to, there's nothing that can be done in this case. Maybe it's time for the local residents association to take matters into their own hands and strategically plant some shrubbery in front of naked dude's yard.

### Beginning of the end (fingers crossed)

In what's been heralded as an important step in eliminating the virus for good, researchers "deleted" HIV from human DNA. The scientists used a DNA-snipping enzyme to cut out the virus, and then the cell's repair machinery took over, fusing the cell back together. And as if this isn't excellent enough, the process potentially could be applied to many other diseases. Not bad scientists, not bad.

### Hey kitty kitty kitty

Hey guys, can we drop the crazy cat-lady trope already? Beth-Ann Colebourne delighted the Internet this week when she posted a video to YouTube of a lynx she spotted outside her northern Ontario shop. But then a bunch of meanies questioned her sanity because she says things in the video like, "What's up, buddy?" to the wild cat. Listen, trolls: Colebourne has chased a bear away before. She is an animal whisperer. She's awesome, and she's got it covered, OK?



### A whole new world

Are you in desperate need of a break from the repetitive monotony of your life, daydreaming of perhaps being on a palm-tree lined beach? And you know how even if you can't immediately make that place your reality, just the thought of being there makes you feel so much better? Expand your fantasy repertoire with this new Japanese exhibit. Artists created an immersive interactive garden of 2,300 floating flowers inspired by a Zen koan. Domo arigato, guys, for creating a beautiful world where person and flower become one.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

*metroview*

# Vince Gasparro's: The kind of place that makes a neighbourhood.

Nick Gasparro had a hard time keeping up a phone conversation on Thursday behind the counter of his family butcher shop. Customers kept walking into the store, some in search of an Easter ham, others offering their condolences on the recent death of Vincenzo Gasparro, Nick's father and the founder of the family business.

"Hold on," Nick, 42, said to me over the phone.

Then I heard a woman's voice. "I just found out yesterday about your dad. I'm so sorry," she said.

"Thank you," Nick said. "Thank you for coming, honey."

Vince Gasparro's Meat Market has stood on Toronto's west-end corner of Bloor Street and Roxton Road since 1960. And it's exactly the kind of place that makes a neighbourhood worth living in.

They're in every Canadian city. Mom-and-pop shops, they're called dismissively.

They're not the country's economic leaders, if you go by GDP. Most of that is driven by mid-sized or large companies, as CIBC economist Benjamin Tal noted. Industry Canada doesn't even break down the contribution of companies with less than 49 employees (a group which makes up 30 per cent of the GDP).

But these micro-businesses also account for 75 per cent of companies that employ people in Canada. They are nimble, adaptable, the economic equivalent of the "oil that oils the machine," Tal said.

Plus, he added, "there are some things that you cannot measure."

For example, what does it mean when longtime customer Vanessa, 34, calls the butcher shop "an institution"?

How do you measure the impact of hiring the likes of 24-year-old Mik, who is also a musician, by offering him a flexible, reliable part-time job while he pursues his dreams?

What is the worth of a man like Vince, who knew everybody's name, and their kids, and their grandkids; who took IOUs when customers were short at the end of the month; who went to the funerals and wedding of his customers, and whose customers, in turn, filled an old stone church one rainy morning this week? These are intangibles, but they have an economic impact just by drawing people to want to call this corner of a city home.

It's challenging times for independent shops forced to compete against national chains with deep pockets. But without these kinds of businesses, and the people who run them, our cities would be all the more uniform, all the less human.

I asked Nick, who has been a butcher with his father for 20 years, how long he wanted to keep the store going.

"I don't know that, honey, for as long as I'm going to be here," he said. "Hopefully a long time."

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# Ferrell's fearless with the funny

GET HARD

## Comedian is always up for slapstick promo stunts

IN FOCUS
Richard Crouse

Sitting on a bucket with his pants down? No big deal for Ferrell. Get Hard opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

You can tell Will Ferrell has a new movie coming out because he's doing the darndest things.

On March 12, he played for 10 Major League Baseball teams in five spring training games in one day. Since then he's roasted Justin Bieber, walked red carpets at South By Southwest, dressed as a leprechaun with David Letterman, appeared on The Tonight Show in drag as snack cake queen Little Debbie, and traded barbs with Jon Stewart while wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with dozens of pictures of Zach Galifianakis.

He's pulling out all the stops to make sure everyone knows Get Hard, his comedy about a rich man who hires a coach (Kevin Hart) to prep him for prison, opens this weekend.

A few years ago, I landed in the middle of one of Ferrell's outlandish publicity stunts.

In July 2012 he was stumping for The Campaign, a political satire co-starring Galifianakis. The hot-and-steamy Toronto summer afternoon began with the actors riding down Yonge Street, throwing out campaign buttons to passersby until they arrived at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Inside, I hosted a press conference with them and Mayor Rob Ford. Onstage, actors posing as Mounties guarded the Stanley Cup as Ford, then the most famous, and controversial, politician in Canada, gave the guys advice on how to campaign. Nothing was rehearsed and everyone was a bit nervous as I brought the three to the dais.

Ferrell talked about what happened next on the Late Show with David Letterman.

"We step up to the mic. We're supposed to say a few words, and I say, 'How about a big round of applause for your mayor, Rob Ford.' It was literally ... not even a smattering of applause, just two people."

"It was just so silent that I actually had to comment on it. So I said, 'Mr. Mayor, that's a horrible ovation,' and the press corps burst out laughing. And he was just laughing. He didn't care. Just sweaty."

> **"It was just so silent that I actually had to comment on it. So I said, 'Mr. Mayor, that's a horrible ovation.'**
> Will Ferrell on doing a stunt with Rob Ford

Ford was a good sport and played along. He gave them each a miniature Stanley Cup, pinned "Rob Ford for Mayor" buttons on their chests and handed out his famous business cards, fridge magnets and bumper stickers before imparting some sage advice.

"It's very simple. Every person you meet, hand out a magnet and business card, and return people's phone calls. Customer service is No. 1" With a laugh he added, "and don't talk to the Toronto Star."

It may not have been the smoothest promotional stunt of all time, but it certainly was a memorable one.

The next year, Ferrell worked Ford into the promotion for Anchorman 2. By this time Ford's scandal-ridden term in office, fuelled by admissions of drug use, had rocketed him into the international spotlight.

Ferrell, in character as ridiculous San Diego newscaster Ron Burgundy, came out in support of Ford's re-election.

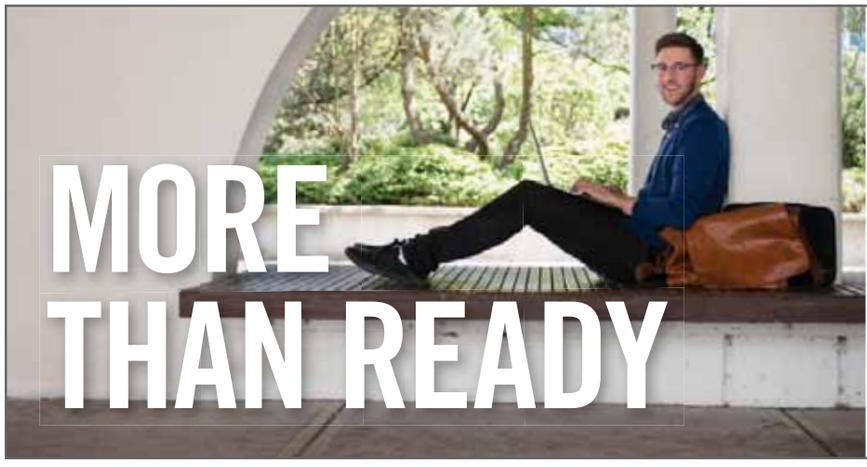
"Ron doesn't realize how much trouble Rob Ford is in," said Ferrell to Metro.

"He just thinks he's a great guy. Gregarious. Fun. Life of the party. Ron's advice would just be 'Keep doing what you're doing, it's obviously working.'"

He even wrote a campaign song to the tune of Loverboy's Working for the Weekend.

As usual, Ford took it all in stride, tweeting, "I had to laugh at my friend Ron Burgundy & his take on my 2014 re-election campaign song."

There's been no mention of Rob Ford in the promotion for Get Hard, but if Ferrell ever makes The Campaign 2: The Re-Election perhaps he'll give the former mayor a call.

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# Getting a real feel for movies

FUTURE OF CINEMA

## Virtual reality technology catches eye of filmmakers

**Matt Kwong**
Metro | Life

Comfy seating. Hot popcorn. And a stereoscopic virtual-reality headset for your viewing pleasure. It's a new cinematic experience envisioned by Hollywood and electronics manufacturers keen to tap into the hot VR market.

In recent years, Microsoft, Sony, Facebook, Google and Samsung have assumed a "gold-rush mentality" for VR, tech analyst Kevin Restivo said.

"As the core technology becomes refined for the masses, they're looking for wider applications," he said. "The movies are an obvious one."

Whereas the usual movie-watching experience is a one-directional affair, VR lets you step inside a scene, giving you the feeling you can move around in a film's environment. If you see an image on screen, or if a character is to your left, you can turn your head instead to the right and explore your surroundings with a 360-degree view.

The technology definitely caught the interest of attendees at this year's Sundance film festival.

A section dedicated to VR filmmaking was a main attraction at the fest. Users donned 3D wraparound goggles to experience an original scene from Wild between Reese Witherspoon and Laura Dern.

Last month, premium cable network HBO and Lionsgate, the studio behind the $1.5-billion Hunger Games franchise, announced content creation deals for HTC's much-hyped Vive system.

Beyond gaming, it's "the next logical step" for the Vive, said Jeff Gattis, an HTC spokesman.

"We can take content and brands that are known, and just open up new windows of entertainment," he said. "Whether that's going to be full features or clips, at a minimum, it's the creation of immersive virtual reality experiences."

That immersion aspect is what most excites Tre Azam. His U.K. company manufactures MyndPlay, a brainwave-sensing headband which, when used with VR displays such as the Oculus, allows a viewer to "change the storyline" of a video based on emotional responses.

"We've got a MyndGuardian video that puts you into an attack scenario where you're being mugged," Azam said. "You can train your mind into going into fight or flight mode. Maybe you want to defend yourself instead of panicking."

Developers, he said, have built some videos with 32 possible interactions.

"Imagine you've got a 90-minute movie where every scene could have a different possibility thrown in," he said.

So far, studios have been mostly leveraging VR experiences to hype up their big productions.

In collaboration with Lionsgate, Samsung's Gear VR device released a short on March 20 to promote the second film in its popular Divergent series.

Insurgent: Shatter Reality starred actors reprising their roles from the films.

HBO has experimented with short movie-making for VR headsets as well.

Attendees at last year's South By Southwest lined up to demo a Game of Thrones experience using Facebook's Oculus Rift VR headset. Users joined the Night's Watch and climbed a ladder to the top of the 700-foot ice wall.

As for when full-length VR feature films might ever take off as main cinematic attractions? That's hard to tell, said independent filmmaker Elli Raynai, who is completing his VR short for the Oculus Rift.

"I don't know if virtual reality is going to replace cinema," Raynai said. "All I know is it has different rules, it presents a new way of telling stories, and that's exciting for filmmakers."

### Q&A

Cinephile Jesse Wente, director of film programs at TIFF Bell Lightbox shared some thoughts on the technology.

**On the lasting power of VR films:** "I think we're a little early in the days to dismiss it as a gimmick."

**On the solitude aspect of VR:** "I think you'd be hard-pressed to create a physical communal experience if the idea is total immersion in a virtual world."

**On the difference between VR and cinema:** "I wouldn't rule out some kind of future in which virtual reality can offer something similar to the movie-going experience. But ultimately, seeing a movie is seeing a moving in cinema. There's been no way to recreate it for 100 years.

MATT KWONG/METRO

A scene from Insurgent: Shatter Reality for Samsung's Gear VR.

VIRTUAL REALITY

## A look at the VR headsets

1 **Oculus Rift/Facebook (formerly Oculus Rift)** Two development kits released. No consumer release date yet. DK2 costs $350.

2 **Project Morpheus/Sony** Head-mounted display to be compatible with PlayStation 4 and PlayStation Vita gaming consoles. Anticipated early 2016 release.

3 **Google Cardboard/Google** Google's DIY device folds out from a piece of cardboard to turn a smartphone into a VR headset. Users can download the app and either purchase a toolkit online, or build one themselves by following free online tutorials.

4 **The Vive/HTC** Marketed as a "premium" virtual reality experience, and powered by SteamVR. Anticipated release in the spring.

5 **Samsung Gear VR/Samsung** This is the first head-mounted display to hit the market, and costs $199 US. The headmount was specifically designed to work with a Galaxy Note 4 smartphone.

6 **Virtual Boy/Nintendo** Released in 1995, then quickly discontinued the following year after poor sales and reports that some players were experiencing headaches from overuse. Originally retailed for around $180 US.

> **Imagine you've got a 90-minute movie where every scene could have a different possibility thrown in**
> Tre Azam of Myndplay

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# Crack up with Ferrell and Hart

MOVIES

## Stars of Get Hard get you laughing. What else is new?

Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart have made names for themselves for being hilarious on film and TV screens, but can they be funny on paper? We sat down to chat with the Get Hard stars to find out. You be the judge.

*Reporter sits down, places digital recorder on table...*
**Will Ferrell**: Is everyone cool with this? It's a Sony product …
**Kevin Hart**: Will, that's not … you didn't have to go there.
**Ferrell**: Sorry.

**Kevin, when are we going to get a movie where somebody's helping you out?**
**Hart**: That's tough, man. I like to be in charge. You know, me and Denzel have this thing about being in charge. I'm talking about doing Equalizer, the next one. Equalizer: Part 2.
**Ferrell**: I love it.
**Hart**: Re-equalized is what they call it. It's called Equal Plus Equal.
**Ferrell**: You're not going to get any argument from me.
**Hart**: No, you know what? I've started out in a place with characters where it was constantly reacting, reacting, reacting, and now it's in a place where the characters are a little bit more grounded and relatable. If this pattern continues to go, of course I think you'll see it flop.

But in this particular film I'm playing two characters in the movie, so I love that I'm giving audiences the best of both worlds. As is Will.

**He's all right, I guess.**
**Hart**: Well, in this movie I think he could've been better, but at this point you take what you can.
**Ferrell**: I did not give my best effort, I'm not going to lie.
**Hart**: Every day, Will showed up and was like, "I don't know about you, but I'm here for the cheque." That's what he would say, every day, and I was like, "What the f— was that?"
**Ferrell**: I kept checking to make sure I was going to make the Pelicans game. Because we shot in New Orleans. But we were never butting heads in terms of comedy style or whatever.
**Hart**: Well, there was the one time when you were like, "I'm going to my f—ing trailer. Kevin's up seven to nothing." He kept score.
**Ferrell**: I count the lines. I'll go through a script and I'll count the lines. I told Kevin first thing, "Hey, we're going to have a great time, but I have counted the lines and I have 30 more lines than you, and I feel good about that." I don't feel like that's too many more lines.

**So how did he get ahead in the count?**
**Ferrell**: I just noticed. One day he was just coming up with all this great stuff, and I was down seven. So I just ended that. We wrapped at 11:30 a.m. that day.

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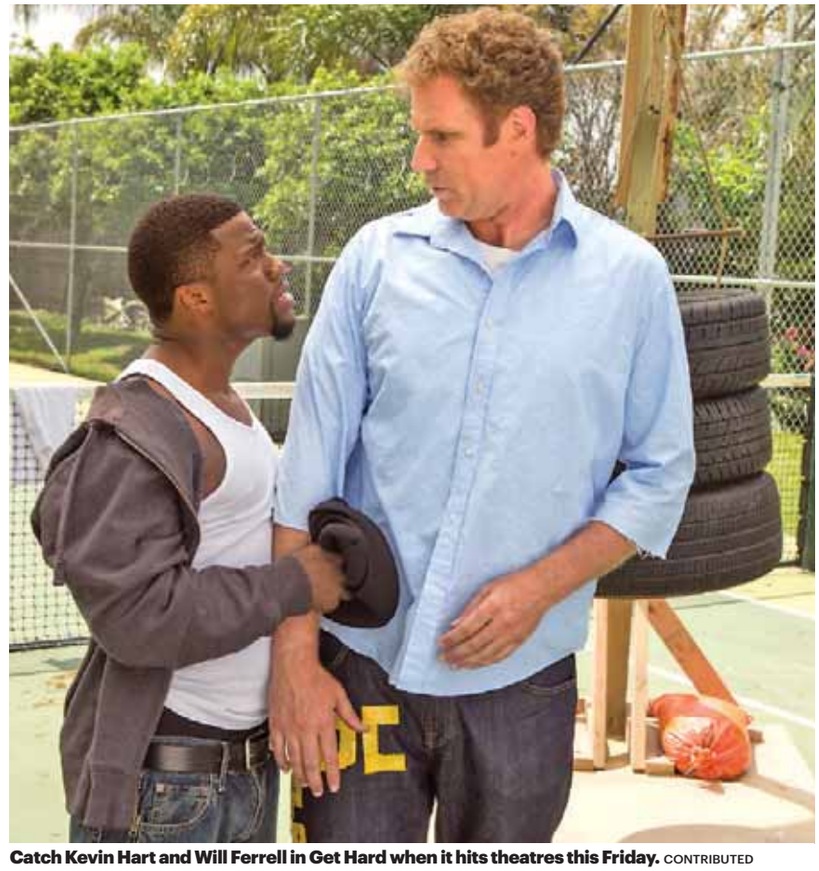

**Catch Kevin Hart and Will Ferrell in Get Hard when it hits theatres this Friday.** CONTRIBUTED

REAL GET HARD

# Consultant shares jail myths

Lee Steven Chapelle had heard of Get Hard, a new flick about a white-collar criminal prepping for a prison sentence, but was surprised to learn it was a comedy.

Chapelle is a real-life prison consultant based in Ottawa who works with the soon-to-be incarcerated and their families to ensure their time in jail is as safe, productive and brief as possible.He has spent roughly 21 years total in prison. He was first convicted at 16.

Now, Chapelle is an author and active advocate for inmates' rights. He says he only takes on clients he believes are sincere in their desire for rehabilitation.

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## Picking fights

Collective wisdom seems to suggest that freshly incarcerated individuals should testify to their tenacity by attacking someone. "If you're a person who's built to be able to do that, great," says a chuckling Chapelle. But such aggressiveness will only make it harder for inmates to campaign for parole later.
Instead, he recommends that those new to prison mind their own business.

## Jail scares kids

Chapelle was a middle-class kid who stirred minor trouble as an adolescent before being convicted at 16 of a property crime. "My parents thought, 'OK, tough love, we're going to leave you in this detention centre,"' he says, recalling his two-month stint. "By the time I came out, I was completely anti-establishment." He ended up spending roughly a total of 21 years in jail.

## Canada versus the world

Particularly irksome for Chapelle is the idea that Canadian jails are somehow less bleak than prisons elsewhere. "We have our highest inmate population total in the history of Canada right now and the infrastructure is busting," he says. "You're sleeping with your head by a toilet because there's three or sometimes four to a cell."

# So many men, so much talent

INTERVIEW

## Actress Patricia Clarkson gushes about co-stars in October Gale

Scott Speedman and Patricia Clarkson in October Gale. CONTRIBUTED

Patricia Clarkson's new thriller, October Gale, sees her working again with director Ruba Nadda, and starring opposite Callum Keith Rennie, Tim Roth and Scott Speedman.

"Can you imagine I got to be in a film with those men?" she says. "I arrived on the set and said, 'Oh my God, Ruba, I have died and gone to heaven.' Not only are they beautiful men, physically, but if you threw all their handsomeness out the window, they're gorgeous actors. First class ... singular actors."

**"She's Syrian-Palestinian and I'm Southern, so watch out**

Patricia Clarkson on her relationship with Ruba Nadda

The New Orleans native, an Academy Award nominee for Best Supporting Actress for her performance in Pieces of April, plays a doctor mourning the loss of her husband. For solace she retreats to a remote cottage in Georgian Bay. Her time of quiet reflection and healing is disrupted, however, by the appearance of a mysterious and seriously injured young man, played by Speedman.

October Gale is the second collaboration between Clarkson and director Ruba Nadda.

"Ruba and I are very similar gals," Clarkson says.

"I have four older sisters and Rubba is truly like the little sister I never had. We are like family. We have a second language now. It's kismet. "I think I'm just the luckiest gal to know her and to have her so deeply in my life; in my professional life, in my personal life. I know her family now. I know her sisters ...We're just family and yet we are able to separate all of that when we enter the workplace. We're both workhorses. We're very high energy, we don't take no for an answer, we'll fight to the death. She's Syrian-Palestinian and I'm Southern, so watch out."

Their first film together, Cairo Time, was the Best Reviewed Romance on Rotten Tomatoes for 2010 and soon they will begin work on a series for HBO. Clarkson says her on-set relationship with Nadda is based on respect and the director's unique vision.

"Ruba has the courage to make films that people want to make," she says, "the kind of movies auteurs think they're making, but she has the courage to do it." RICHARD CROUSE/METRO

# Linda finds the Keys to her heart

Linda Cardellini says the Florida Keys location of Bloodline is as much a part of the show as the cast. GETTY IMAGES

**Richard Crouse**
Metro | Canada

Linda Cardellini's new show is filmed far from Hollywood. The former Mad Men co-star plays Meg Rayburn, wayward daughter of a large, secretive family in the Netflix series Bloodline. She co-stars with Kyle Chandler, Sam Shepard and Sissy Spacek, but says the Florida Keys location is as much a part of the show as the cast.

"It is otherworldly. It is different from anything I have known," she says.

"It is a place that has a duality to it. On one hand, it is extraordinarily beautiful and on the other there is this oppressive heat and slight danger that follows you around everywhere. When you're in the elements, there are a lot of things around you that are sometimes friendly to human beings and sometimes not so much. It's perfect for the show because it really shows this paradise and on the other side there are these really dangerous things."

When she was first approached to do the Bloodline, there wasn't even a script for her to read. "There was a pitch," she says, "and I had a meeting with (producer) Glen Kessler and he spoke so beautifully with so much rich detail about who this person is, what she means to the family, what the story means. To me, that was very exciting — how much he had to say and how much he knew.

**"You don't have to make an appointment with the television"**

Linda Cardellini on the joys of binge watching

Kyle Chandler and Cardellini in Netflix's Bloodline. SAEED ADYANI /NETFLIX

"It showed to me that the creators of the show were very interested in each and every one of the characters. To have the family dynamic be appealing you have to understand every facet of the family."

The pitch won her over, in part because she had just binge watched the legal drama Damages, the last show from the same producers. "When I watched Damages, I loved how they wrote for women," she says.

"I thought what could have been viewed as a stereotype was introduced and explored in such a fashion that broke all those stereotypes and broke all those glass ceilings about what a female character could or couldn't be. To me that was very exciting."

She now hopes people will binge view all 13 episodes of Bloodline which went up on Netflix last week.

"I love it," she says of binging in front of the TV. "It has invented a new way for people to get entertainment. I think it's great because you don't have to make an appointment with the television. You don't have to rely on it coming on every week and waiting."

# Now in theatres

HORROR

## It Follows

**Director: David Robert Mitchell**
**Starring: Maika Monroe, Keir Gilchrist**

After a strange sexual encounter, a teenager finds herself haunted by nightmarish visions and the inescapable sense that something is after her.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

Critics: 94% Audience: 72%

ANIMATED

## Home

**Director: Tim Johnson**
**Staring: Jim Parsons, Rihanna**

When Oh, a lovable misfit from another planet, lands on Earth and finds himself on the run, he forms an unlikely friendship with a girl named Tip who is on a quest of her own. Through a series of adventures with Tip, Oh comes to understand that being different and making mistakes is all part of being human.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

Critics: 40% Audience: 69%

COMEDY

## Get Hard

**Director: Etan Cohen**
**Starring: Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart**

Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart headline this Warner Bros. comedy about a wrongfully convicted investment banker who prepares for prison life with the help of the man who washes his car. Etan Cohen directs, with Ian Roberts and Jay Martel handling screenwriting duties.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

Critics: 28% Audience: +95%

DRAMA

## The Riot Club

**Director: Lone Scherfig**
**Starring: Findlay Fox, Jessica Brown Findlay**

Filthy. Rich. Spoiled. Rotten. A band of overprivileged rich boys run wild in this savagely funny satire of money, sex and power. In the elite realm of Oxford University, no society is more exclusive than The Riot Club, the ultra-selective fraternity for Britain's most privileged sons.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

Critics: 67% Audience: +86%

ART HOUSE/DRAMA

## White God

**Director: Kornél Mundruczó**
**Staring: Zsófia Psotta, Sándor Zsótér**

When young Lili is forced to give up her beloved dog Hagen, because its mixed-breed heritage is deemed 'unfit' by The State, she and the dog begin a dangerous journey back towards each other. At the same time, all the unwanted, unloved and so-called 'unfit' dogs rise up under a new leader.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

Critics: 86% Audience: +84%

DRAMA

## Boychoir

**Director: François Girard**
**Starring: Kathy Bates, Dustin Hoffman**

Stet, a troubled and angry 11-year-old orphan from a small Texas town, ends up at a Boy Choir school back east after the death of his single mom. Completely out of his element, he finds himself in a battle of wills with a demanding choir master who recognizes a unique talent in this young boy.

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Critics: 67% Audience: +91%

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# What's next for Shailene

Still basking in the box-office success of Insurgent, Shailene Woodley just might outdo herself after the franchise ends. Judging by her peers Jennifer Lawrence and Kristen Stewart, who both went from blockbuster franchises to award-winning careers, it's entirely possible. AFP

**Shailene Woodley's star is on the rise.** ALL PHOTOS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GETTY

## Oscar glow like Jennifer Lawrence

The parallels between Divergent and The Hunger Games are obvious: both are sci-fi adventure stories with a strong-willed female protagonist and a dystopian setting. But there are also parallels between the career paths of the two stars: Woodley and Jennifer Lawrence. Both made a name for themselves on the big screen before age 20 thanks to indie roles. Lawrence claimed her first Oscar nomination for Winter's Bone, while Woodley grabbed a Golden Globe nomination for The Descendants, in which she co-starred with George Clooney.

## Eclectic roles like Kristen Stewart

Woodley and Lawrence both call to mind another actress who rose to global stardom in a high-grossing franchise: former Twilight star Kristen Stewart. Since the last Twilight movie, the actress has appeared in Walter Salles' adaptation of Jack Kerouac's On the Road, a film that took her to the Cannes Film Festival in 2012. After Snow White and the Huntsman, Stewart has graced the screen in a number of acclaimed films, including Sils Maria by French director Olivier Assayas and Still Alice with Julianne Moore.

## IN BRIEF

**Steven Spielberg to direct Ready Player One**

Deadline reports that the man who has helmed everything from Jaws and E.T. to Raiders of the Lost Ark and Minority Report is about to get to grips with an adaptation of the cult sci-fi novel.

Written by Ernest Cline and set in a dystopian 2044, Ready Player One revolves largely around a virtual reality game focused on references to 1980s pop culture. And, as Deadline points out, some of those references are to Spielberg himself.

It is understood that the film will be the next cinematic project in Spielberg's schedule following the completion of his current film — a big-screen adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's story The BFG. AFP

**Mad Max to make long-awaited comeback at Cannes**

Mad Max: Fury Road, the fourth film in the dystopian cult saga by director George Miller, will screen on May 14 at the Cannes Film Festival,

**Mad Max is returning May 14.** WARNER BROS PICTURES

the organizers confirmed Wednesday.

Thirty years after he first rode on to cinema screens across the globe, "Mad" Max Rockatansky returns in the shape of English actor Tom Hardy, who replaces Mel Gibson, the star of the previous instalments.

The film is due for global release immediately after its out-of-competition screening preview in Cannes, the festival said.

The announcement marks the long-awaited return of Australian director George Miller, 70, whose first Mad Max film became a worldwide hit in 1979. AFP

**Fully animated Smurfs reboot announced**

The new movie is scheduled to hit cinema screens on March 31, 2017 and promises to be closer to the original Peyo comic books than Sony's previous two attempts.

Sony's 2011 The Smurfs, and its 2013 sequel The Smurfs 2, mixed animation with live action and, in the case of the latter, Katy Perry. According to director Kelly Asbury, this hybrid approach is being dumped in favour of traditional animation for

**Smurf fans will get another film in 2017.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the next instalment, as is any connection with the films that have preceded it. AFP

# One of our biggest fears, confronted

DOCUMENTARY

## The Emperor of all Maladies takes a hard look at cancer

There's a mystery to cancer, in large part because of fear, that PBS tries to unravel in next week's six-hour documentary Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies.

"We're not really honest with each other," filmmaker Ken Burns said.

"We know about heart disease. We know about diabetes. We know about other things, but there's a kind of resistance because cancer is so scary."

Burns, who was 11 when his mother died of breast cancer, is executive producer of the film, directed by Barak Goodman. It's one of the few times Burns has been involved in a project that he didn't instigate.

The film airs over three consecutive nights beginning on March 30 and is inspired by Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee's Pulitzer Prize-winning book of the same title. Starting at its most elemental — how cancer got its name — the documentary tells the story of advances and setbacks in years of research on how the disease develops and is treated, through developments since Mukherjee's book was published in 2010.

Mukherjee sees it as a State of the Union address on cancer, a topic with a reach and complexity that can make the entirety of the federal government seem simple in comparison.

The film softens the science with individual stories of people fighting for their survival.

Cancer proves an elusive and resilient enemy. Much of the promising research has been done since the 1970s, establishing that the cell mutations that characterize the disease can be triggered by genetics, the environment or a virus.

Treatments that once seemed promising proved disappointing. Some had limited success.

> **The history of cancer has been littered with false dawns**
> Barak Goodman

Immunotherapy, the use of a person's own immune system to fight cancer cells, is so new that it barely received a mention in Mukheerjee's book but gets a thorough telling in the film.

The film follows the story of the very first child ever to receive a new treatment to attack cancer cells.

"The history of cancer has been littered with false dawns with, as our film discusses, moments of great optimism followed by immediately crashing disillusionment," Goodman said.

"So we did have to be very careful about those we chose to follow."

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**The Emperor of All Maladies is like a State of the Union address on cancer. The three-part series will premiere on PBS on Monday.** COURTESY PBS

**Executive producer Ken Burns .** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

SCIENCE

## Another smoking-type coverup? 'Trust me, in the next 10 years'

Often, the doctors and scientists are pushed by patients themselves.

The story of radical mastectomy for breast cancer is particularly illuminating, how it went from the universally accepted treatment with naysayers ridiculed until other, less invasive approaches were proven effective.

The film The Emperor of All Maladies by Ken Burns discusses the groundbreaking surgeon general's report in the 1960s strongly linking cigarette smoking to cancer and the slow but steady reduction, at least in the United States, of probably the best-known carcinogen.

"You could say, 'Does that matter?'" Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee said.

"Trust me, in the next 10 years we will find yet another new carcinogen being somewhere that we don't know about and a company that's eager to obfuscate on its origins, and the lessons from what we learned about cigarettes will apply all over again."

Sharon Rockefeller, president and CEO of PBS' influential Washington affiliate WETA, read Mukherjee's book while she was being treated for colon cancer, caught just weeks before becoming incurable. With Laura Ziskin, the late co-founder of Stand Up to Cancer, they resolved to see the book turned into a film.

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# Last chance: American-free Cuba

CARIBBEAN

## What you need to experience before the island changes

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Cuba is heating up. Flights, hotel rooms and even casas particulares, the Cuban version of B&Bs, are in demand. Scores of tourists from Canada are flocking to the country after U.S. President Obama announced plans to restore diplomatic ties with Cuba.

Once the border opens up to Americans, it's expected that prices will increase as demand exceeds supply.

Cuba's political and economic future is shifting, so if you want to get a glimpse of a bygone era before it's gone — a 1950s freeze frame where iPads and Starbucks don't exist — then now is the time to pack your bags.

### Old Havana

The capital city, where most travellers flock, is already fairly touristy — though it's a photographer's dream with its 1950s classic cars and crumbling art nouveau and colonial architecture.

If you want to get a sense of how Cubans really live, wander around Centro Havana. It's safe and easily walkable (Cuba is not known for violent crime), but the blazing heat may force you to stop for a coconut daiquiri or Cuba libre at one of Ernest Hemingway's former haunts — like El Floridita — to cool down.

### Tour the coast

It's well worth venturing beyond Havana. Since you can't Google your way through this country (indeed, Gmail won't work here, even if you do find Wi-Fi), it means that hidden gems are still, in fact, hidden.

Since much of the country's environment has been protected, Cuba offers up pristine coastlines and wetlands. There's fear, however, that once borders open up and foreign developers move in, this could change. So now is the time to see a world relatively untouched by tourism — before it is.

Cuba has thousands of coral reefs that appear to be healthier than others in Caribbean waters thanks to decades of isolation from mass tourism, according to the Nature Conservancy. So you can snorkel around reefs where you'll encounter everything from stingrays to green sea turtles — maybe even a reef shark — with no other boat in sight.

**Practise your Spanish and see some classic cars in the capital city, Havana.** ISTOCK

### The Cannarreos Archipelago

One way to do this is to sail Cuba's coastline. Canadian tour operator G Adventures, for example, recently launched a sailing trip that allows small groups of travellers to explore the islands of the Canarreos Archipelago, many of which are uninhabited.

The archipelago is made up of more than 300 islands and islets, most of which are uninhabited. Cayo Largo is the second-largest island, though it's only 26 kilometres long and three kilometres wide. Aside from stunning beaches, it's home to nesting sea turtles and flamingos. Then there's Cayo Rico, which is only accessible by boat. There's a beach bar here, but that's it. You can hang out with the iguanas and explore secluded coves that make you feel like you're on a deserted island (though pina coladas are never too far away).

### Meet the people

While sun-seekers have been heading to the island nation on discounted all-inclusive resort packages for years, the best way to see the "real" Cuba before it changes is to get off the resort.

The locals easily live up to their reputation as some of the friendliest, most hospitable people on the planet, and it's a great way to practice your Spanish.

If you do opt to sail the coast, dock overnight at the marina in Cayo Largo and join the Cubans for a late-night dance party to pulsating Latin beats under a sky full of stars. Don't know how to salsa or do the cha-cha-cha? No matter.

You won't have any problem finding someone who will be happy to show you.

While you'll enjoy fresh seafood on the coast, it's also a first-hand experience of Cuban ingenuity. Step into a Cuban supermarket and you won't find much. There are no Pringles or Snickers bars.

There are few fresh vegetables. So to see your Cuban cook whip up new — and tasty — dishes each day out of limited ingredients (such as tinned veggies) really hits home how Cubans actually live under a U.S. trade embargo.

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## Malibu, Calif. $640 per night

This former home of **Denzel Washington**, singers **Captain and Tennille** and **Jimmy Page** sits on a bluff overlooking Broad Beach, one of the area's most famous surfing beaches. From the oversized outdoor patio, you can watch the dolphins play. If you're a partier, take note, Malibu City Hall has a strict 'no noise after 10 p.m.' ordinance, and they enforce it. The house comfortably sleeps eight. Pets welcome.

## Pacific Grove, Calif. $1,422 per week

This historic studio has a unique and rich literary history, having belonged to **John Steinbeck** in the early '40s. He wrote The Sea of Cortez while living here. The 350-square-foot studio has its original '20s architecture, which means short doorways and a warning for tall guests to "mind their heads." Located a kilometre from the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row.

## Omaha, Neb. Free?

You can win your chance to stay in the childhood home of **Warren Buffett**, one of the world's richest men, by entering an Air BnB on-line contest. See where the trail-blazing entrepreneur launched his first business selling chewing gum door-to-door at age six. The hook: You need to be a Berkshire Hathaway shareholder to enter. The rich keep getting richer for a reason!

## Stone Ridge, N.Y. $2,586 per week

Located by the Mohonk Preserve, the Rubber House was built for the famed choreographer **Eugene Loring**. It was then owned by actor **Willem Dafoe** who faithfully retained the original dance studio and industrial kitchen. Situated on seven acres, the house is nestled within a grouping of giant moss-covered prehistoric boulders. The listing suggests you'll need a car, bike or perhaps a horse to get around.

# Beyond Santa Monica's famous old pier

DESTINATION

## Classics and more to see in this paradise on L.A.'s edge

Planning a trip to Southern California but don't want to fight L.A. traffic? Check out the Santa Monica in all its picture-postcard beauty. From a funky old pier surrounded by some of the world's best beaches to its upscale shopping district, scores of art galleries, top-rated restaurants and bountiful nightlife, there are enough things in this little oasis just 19 kilometres west of downtown Los Angeles to keep you not only occupied but enthralled.

### What's new

Santa Monica Place: Transformed in 2010, this shopping mall is a bright, open-air gathering spot of upscale restaurants and stores that connects directly with the city's pedestrian-friendly Third Street Promenade, forming the heart of Santa Monica's downtown.

### Classic attractions

Start by making a beeline to Santa Monica Pier, the 99-year-old landmark with an entrance sign proclaiming it as the final stop on Route 66, the historic highway John Steinbeck declared America's Mother Road. Here you'll find everything from musicians, snake handlers, artists and other street performers, to quiet areas set aside for fishing. In the middle of it all is an amusement park with a solar-powered Ferris wheel that carries riders 40 metres up.

### Hanging out

On the way into town check out Bergamot Station Art Center. A collection of modest buildings near a maintenance yard in the section of town farthest from the beach, it's easy to overlook. But inside this 19th-century rail yard you'll find a small art museum and more than a dozen contemporary galleries displaying photos, sculptures, paintings and more.

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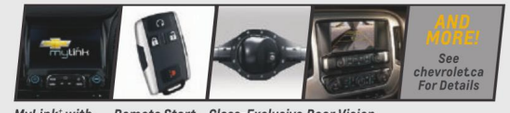


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## Vancouver guilty of slow start as playoff push continues

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Maybe it was the replica Millionaires jerseys. Otherwise, it's difficult to understand why or how the Vancouver Canucks were so flat, so disorganized, and so utterly awful against the Colorado Avalanche on Thursday.

Paying homage to the 1915 Vancouver Millionaires, who won the city's first and so far only Stanley Cup championship exactly 100 years ago on Thursday, the Canucks were crushed 4-1 by the Avalanche at Rogers Arena.

It went from bad to worse in a hurry.

The Canucks somehow managed to escape the first period in a scoreless tie, despite yielding 18 shots on goal, while testing Colorado goalie Reto Berra five times in the opening 20 minutes.

Berra hadn't won an NHL game since Nov. 6.

But win No. 3 on the season for Berra was made easy. The Canucks barely touched the puck in the opening period.

By the time they started to fire some pucks Berra's way in the second and third periods, the Avalanche had already built a comfortable lead on goals from Jarome Iginla, Alex Tanguay and Gabriel Landeskog, taking advantage of Vancouver's miscues and egregious turnovers.

Throughout an 82-game season, teams go through games such as what the Canucks experienced Thursday. But it's late-March. The playoff race has reached a point of desperation for all involved.

The L.A. Kings defeated the New York Islanders earlier in the evening. They're now third in the Pacific Division, two points back of the Canucks, who remain second in the division.

The Canucks, however, were unable to help their own cause.

Yannick Weber scored for Vancouver in the third period to extend his scoring streak to three games.

**Avalanche left-winger Alex Tanguay, left, celebrates his goal past Canucks goalie Eddie Lack with teammates Ryan O'Reilly and Gabriel Landeskog at Rogers Arena on Thursday night.** JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLS

## Whitecap grabs ban of 2 games

For the second time in as many days, a member of the Vancouver Whitecaps has received a suspension from Major League Soccer.

On Wednesday, Kekuta Manneh received a one-game ban for a dangerous tackle in last weekend's game versus Orlando City SC. On Thursday, centre back Diego Rodriguez was given a two-game suspension for a different kind of handball — grabbing Orlando's Aurelien Collin near the nether regions during play. The act was caught on camera.

The incident occurred in the second half. The league called the grab "violent conduct toward an opponent."

The ban on the 24-year-old Rodriguez means he'll be unavailable for head coach Carl Robinson when the Whitecaps host the Portland Timbers in a Cascadia Cup derby match at BC Place Stadium on Saturday.

Rodriguez issued an apology on the club's website.

Despite this recent rash of suspensions, Robinson doesn't believe discipline is an issue with his club.

"It's disappointing for Diego. It's not in his nature to do that. We respect the decision. It won't happen again, he's apologized," said Robinson.

"There's a fine line between playing smart and playing over the line. On Saturday, I think Kekuta crossed the line. He's got a one-game ban. Diego's done something that's not in his nature and he'll get a slap on the wrist. As I said, I'll apologize, that won't happen again from him, but no, no worries whatsoever."

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**Kings centre Nick Shore scores against Islanders defenceman Johnny Boychuk and goalie Jaroslav Halak on Thursday in Uniondale, N.Y.** KATHY KMONICEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

## Kings move into 3rd in Pacific Division

The defending Stanley Cup champion Los Angeles Kings have moved into a playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Now they have eight games remaining to secure a return trip to the post-season.

Their latest win — a 3-2 victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night — was anything but easy. They controlled the first period and weathered a difficult second.

Then they grabbed their first lead early in the third, only to fall back into a tie moments later. But when Anze Kopitar scored with 4:23 left, Jonathan Quick shut the door on the slumping Islanders, and the Kings had their third straight win on a five-game trip. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## AROUND THE LEAGUE

**Jets 5, Canadiens 2**
Ondrej Pavelec made 39 saves for his sixth consecutive win as Winnipeg beat Montreal.

**Rangers 5, Senators 1**
Netminder Andrew Hammond suffered his first regulation-time loss. Hammond allowed five goals on 22 shots and is now 14-1-1 to start his NHL career.
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**Ducks 3, Bruins 2**
Ryan Getzlaf scored 3:09 into overtime as Anaheim took advantage of struggling Boston to keep control of first place in the Western Conference.

**Sharks 6, Red Wings 4**
Patrick Marleau scored twice and added an assist while Antti Niemi made 30 saves in a San Jose win.
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# Duhamel, Radford win gold at worlds

FIGURE SKATING

## Canadian pair undefeated since 7th-place finish in Sochi

Canadians Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford have their perfect season.

Duhamel and Radford held off two Chinese teams in the free skate to capture gold in the pairs event on Thursday at the world figure skating championships.

After a seventh-place finish at the Sochi Games last year, Duhamel, from Lively, Ont., and Radford, from Balmertown, Ont., decided to continue their careers and skate another year — and haven't lost since.

They've won all six international events they've entered this season, including the Grand Prix Finals and Four Continents.

"Some dreams are so big that you can't even imagine them happening and it's all happening right now," said Radford.

"I could never have imagined it and I can't tell if it's a dream or reality."

Duhamel and Radford, who won bronze at the previous two world championships, were the leaders after the short program. It is Canada's first pairs title since Jamie Sale and David Pelletier won in 2001.

"This is a very personal victory. Every single victory along the way this season had a very special meaning," Duhamel said.

Sui Wenjing and Han Cong of China finished second, and 35-year-old veterans Pang Qing and Tong Jian, competing in their 16th world championships, took home the bronze.

> **We've worked so hard to get here and it's amazing.**
> Eric Radford

Pang and Tong, who came out of retirement this year to finish their careers in Shanghai, now have six world medals (two gold, one silver, three bronze) to go with their silver medal from the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

"I fulfilled (my partner's) wishes to come back to the rink," Tong said, before adding with a smile, "I certainly hope Pang Qing will not drag me back to the rink once again."

Also, Russian Elizaveta Tuktamysheva landed a triple Axel on her first leap of the figure skating world championships on Thursday, opening up a big lead over the rest of the field after the short program.

"When I landed the triple Axel, I got goosebumps and I thought, 'Is this a dream or did I really just do the triple Axel at the world championships?"' said Tuktamysheva, 18.

Only a handful of women skaters have successfully landed a triple Axel in international competition, among them Tonya Harding, Midori Ito and Mao Asada. Tuktamysheva landed the difficult jump in one of the biggest competitions of her career after only practising it for a couple months.

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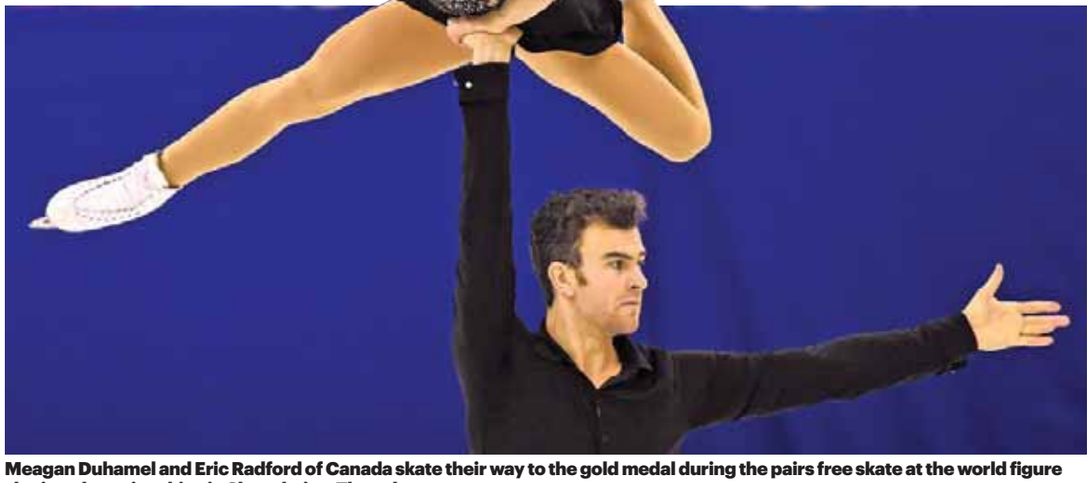

**Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford of Canada skate their way to the gold medal during the pairs free skate at the world figure skating championships in Shanghai on Thursday.** JOHANNES EISELE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

**Dalton Pompey of the Blue Jays dives safely into third base past the Phillies' Andre Blanco in Dunedin, Fla., Thursday.** KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB SPRING TRAINING

# Jays break out bats after Hamels pulled

Cole Hamels allowed two hits in five scoreless innings during the Philadelphia Phillies' 4-1 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday.

A focus of trade speculation, Hamels didn't allow a hit until Kevin Pillar reached on an infield single leading off the fifth. Hamels picked off Pillar, Dalton Pompey tripled to left-centre field and Hamels struck out Jose Reyes on three pitches.

Hamels, a four-time all-star, struck out four and walked three.

With one exhibition start remaining before Philadelphia's opener against Boston on April 6, the lefty said his primary objective will be to lessen his pitch count early for a longer outing.

"I would prefer to go out six or seven innings," Hamels said. "I threw a lot of pitches in the first two innings today, so I think that's kind of the focus is to try to get ahead of hitters early and then be able to get them out in three or four pitches or less just so I can go a lot longer and stretch out my innings."

Steve Tolleson hit a grand slam off Ken Giles in the eighth.

Blue Jays starter Aaron Sanchez gave up one run, two hits and one walk in 5-1/3 innings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB Spring training

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> **I'm not happy with the move, neither should I be, because I've had a pretty good spring so far.**
> Relief pitcher Steve Delabar, who has been optioned to Triple-A Buffalo. The 31-year-old was an all-star in 2013, but struggled to replicate that success last season; he had a 4.91 ERA with the Blue Jays.

NCAA BASKETBALL

# Kentucky puts screws to WVU

**Saskatoon's Trey Lyles had 14 points for victorious Kentucky.** GETTY IMAGES

Perfect and pulverizing. Kentucky made West Virginia's press look pathetic.

Trey Lyles scored 14 points, Andrew Harrison added 13 and the unbeaten Wildcats, chasing history and a ninth national title, rolled to a 78-39 victory over the Mountaineers on Thursday night in the Midwest Regional semi-finals of the NCAA Tournament.

The tourney's top seed and an overwhelming favourite to cut down the nets next month in Indianapolis, Kentucky (37-0) advanced to Saturday's regional final to play third-seeded Notre Dame, an 81-70 winner over Wichita State.

The Fighting Irish may need to call Rudy and consult with Digger Phelps if they hope to advance to the Final Four.

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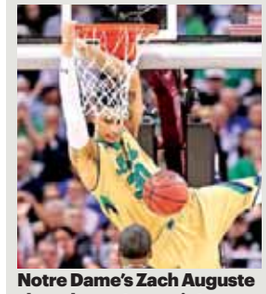

**Notre Dame's Zach Auguste slams home two points on Thursday in Cleveland.** ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

### Irish jolt Shockers to advance to Elite Eight

Notre Dame's march through March is picking up speed.

Demetrius Jackson scored 20 points and the third-seeded Irish dominated Wichita State 81-70 in the Midwest regional semi-finals on Thursday night to advance to the Elite Eight for the first time in 36 years.

Notre Dame will play either unbeaten Kentucky or West Virginia on Saturday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Tar Heels succumb to Badgers in second half

North Carolina got the quick pace it wanted and the defence it needed against seven-footer Frank Kaminsky.

The Tar Heels just couldn't keep it going for 40 minutes.

They led much of the game only to end up losing 79-72 to top-seeded Wisconsin in the West Regional semi-finals Thursday night.

Wisconsin (34-3) got a career-high 23 points from Sam Dekker and Kaminsky added 19. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Playoffs or bust for Mariners

MLB

## Seattle seen by many as favourite to win AL West

Second baseman Robinson Cano is confident the Mariners will play into October this year.
HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Robinson Cano is one of the few on the Seattle Mariners roster who can speak with certainty about the playoffs. In his previous stop, Cano played in the post-season seven times and hoisted one World Series trophy.

When Cano looks at the roster the Mariners have put together for the 2015 season, he sees familiar traits.

"On paper we look like world champions," Cano said. "But hopefully, God help us, we stay healthy and it's not how we look on paper, we have to go out and prove it every day."

This time it's different for Seattle. Before the season begins, the Mariners are viewed as favourites in the AL West.

It's been a rarity for most of Seattle's history for the Mariners to be the favourites and when they have been, they typically fell short. That's what makes this season equal parts exciting and concerning. They could be the team that reignites the fire in Seattle fans, or one that provides another disappointment.

"There's more of a buzz around the team from an outside perspective. Internally, we expected a lot out of ourselves last year and we did that for the most part, obviously coming one game short," third baseman Kyle Seager said. "But this year it's a different feeling in the locker-room. There's more of a confidence. There's more of a general trust in the guy next to you and confidence in the guy next to you."

Cano's signing a year ago brought validity to what Seattle was trying to create. That was supplemented by the development of Seager into an all-star and Gold Glove winner, and the best pitching staff in baseball led by AL Cy Young runner-up Felix Hernandez.

But it wasn't enough. The Mariners ended one-game short. Getting to 87 wins was a surprising achievement but left Seattle wanting more.

The Mariners have created a roster that has Cano optimistic about what Seattle can accomplish. Nelson Cruz, the major-league leader in homers last season, adds punch and protection in the middle of the lineup. The Mariners upgraded their outfield with the additions of Justin Ruggiano and Seth Smith and the late signing of Rickie Weeks.

And while Hernandez remains the ace, Seattle's pitching staff could be even better because of youngsters James Paxton and Taijuan Walker.

"With the additions we made this off-season and guys getting that experience last year, being in a little bit of a race, I think this team's prepped and ready to make a run at the post-season," Paxton said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### X-FACTOR

**Rodney, bullpen vital in team's success**

Fernando Rodney was the anchor of the best bullpen in baseball last year.

The Mariners closer led baseball in saves with 48, but he was just part of what made Seattle successful late in games. Most of that bullpen crew is back, and for as good as Seattle's starters are expected to be, its relievers need to be equal to last season if the Mariners are going to match their expectations.

**Fernando Rodney**
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I love curry dishes because you can adjust the heat to whatever level your taste buds can handle!

**Ready in**
Prep time: 10 minutes
Bake time: 11 minutes

**Directions**

**1.** Dust chicken with 3 tbsp of flour. In large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, sauté chicken for 3 minutes or just until no longer pink. Set aside.

**2.** In the same skillet, add oil and sauté onions, curry paste, ginger and garlic for 3 minutes, then add red bell pepper and sauté for 2 minutes. Set aside.

**3.** In a bowl, combine coconut milk, 2 tbsp flour, fish sauce and sugar and mix until flour has dissolved. Add to onion mixture along with chicken, and on a medium heat, cook just until sauce has slightly thickened, about 3 minutes.

**4.** Serve over cooked rice or noodles (if using) and garnish with chopped cashews and cilantro.

**Ingredients**
- 12 oz boneless, skinless chicken breast, sliced into 1/2-inch wide slices
- 5 tbsp all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups sliced onions
- 2 tbsp red curry paste or to taste
- 1 tbsp minced ginger
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 2 cups sliced red bell peppers
- 1 1/2 cups canned light coconut milk
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp brown sugar

**Garnish**
- 1/4 cup toasted chopped cashews
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 3 cups cooked rice or rice noodles (optional)

**Nutrition per serving**
- Calories 352
- Protein 38.4 g
- Carbohydrates 18.8 g g
- Fibre 3.1 g
- Total fat 13 g
- Saturated fat 4.9 g
- Cholesterol 250 mg
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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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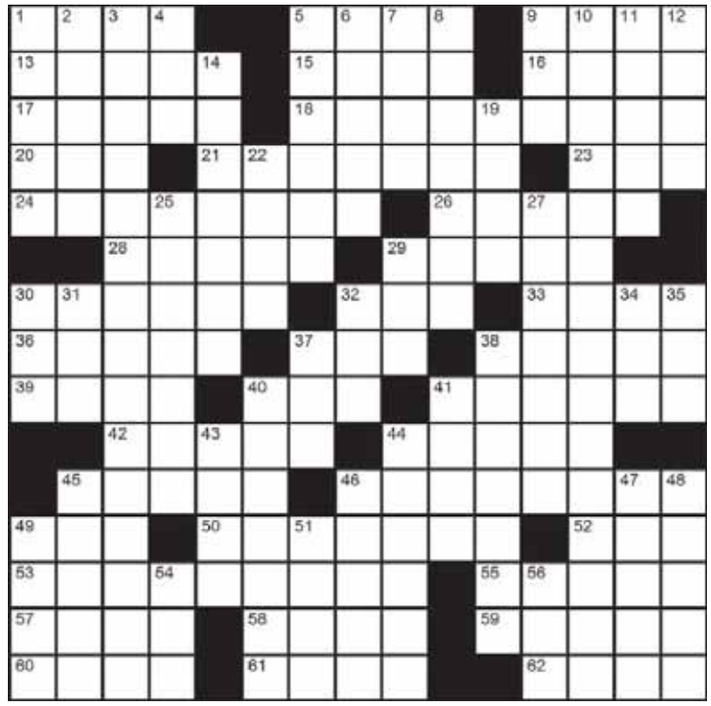

**ACROSS**
1. Canada's historic exports
5. British group, with Manfred
9. Island: Spanish
13. Clark's legendary 1939 movie role
15. Mr. Blacc of song
16. Irving and Grant
17. Place to connect in Chicago
18. Circus performer's prop: 2 wds.
20. South, in Portugal
21. Suspiciously
23. Tree of Hawaii
24. Michel __, Montreal Canadiens head coach
26. Movie mermaid
28. Chimney-like
29. Stew
30. "Dis-Moi, Dis-Moi" chanteuse
32. It gets pumped
33. Music key, _ __.
36. Purport
37. Wickedness
38. Celebrity chef Guy
39. Apportion
40. Wear
41.Magician
42. TV actor Rob
44. Actress Ms. Brewster
45. He's a helluva guy
46. Hamilton's AHL team
49. Traveller's delay
50. Canadian singer Ms. Reno
52. Horizontal rest
53. Those supervising
55. Big carrier of blood
57. "Game of Thrones" actress Ms. Headey
58. Kind of mackerel
59. Deep __ (Restaurant appliance)
60. Bohemian
61.Zest
62. Sleep Country Canada products

**DOWN**
1. Decorate the cake
2. "Yup."
3. Royal LePage worker: 3 wds.
4. Water channel, e.g.
5. Detective Vic __ (Michael Chiklis' role on "The Shield")
6. "Robin Hood" (2010) minstrel, __ A'Dayle
7. Midday
8. "The Price Is Right" prizes: 2 wds.
9. Mr. Somerhalder
10. Classic order at Montreal's since-1927 famous eatery
11. Disinfectant brand
12. Between ports
14. Rita's __ __ (Cape Breton's 'steeped'-in-tradition establishment opened by Rita MacNeil in the 1980s)
19. Emperor of Rome
22. In __ (As originally placed)
25. Most pink
27. Sort of salt
29. Prohibit
30. Ancient 1900
31. Tact' suffix
32. Saloon supply
34. Flawed in a way [abbr.]
35. Nest: French
37. Maritime message
38. Ancient statue's modesty preserver: 2 wds.
40. "Let's Hear It for the Boy": 1984 hit for __ Williams
41. Mr. Disney
43. Labels
44. Feigns: 2 wds.
45. Rescuer
46. Yogi of famous quotes
47. __ community (Exclusive residences locale)
48. Boxes
49. 1970 Kinks tune
51. Portraitist, Alice __ (b.1900 - d.1984)
54. Mr. Romano
56. Ball

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
If something feels good then just do it. As long as it is moral, it does not matter what others might think about it. You have never been one to let criticism stop you.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Forget about financial matters and focus on your family. Get things in perspective today and remind yourself that, in the greater scheme of things, money is only bits of paper.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Make sure you are on the move because the more people you meet, the more opportunities will come your way in the near future. There is also a chance you could meet someone new to love.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Don't let those who say you are behaving in an illogical manner persuade you to change your ways. What you are doing may look silly to them but from your point of view it makes sense.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't take on extra tasks over the next 24 hours. With the commitments you already have you are likely to be on the go from first thing in the morning to last thing at night.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you admit you need help today you will be overwhelmed by offers of assistance. But don't take the easy way out and let friends and colleagues do everything for you.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A new relationship will start today or over the weekend. It may or may not be romantic in nature but whatever guise it takes it will be fun. This is also a good time to interact with large groups of people.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will go out of your way to be nice to people today — even with those who have not always been nice to you in the past.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your generosity knows no bounds: you want to do everything for everyone. Common sense should tell you that isn't actually possible but you will do your best to make a positive difference in the next 24 hours.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The intensity of your emotions could catch you by surprise today, so stay in control and don't overreact. If you do go too far you may be a bit embarrassed later when you realize what was said and done.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a good day to patch up disputes with loved ones. You will find it easier than usual to admit that you were to blame for what went wrong.

**Pisces**
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will find it difficult to make up your mind about something but that's OK. The planets indicate it will pay to put off a decision about a money matter until early next week.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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**INCLUDES** flights into Lisbon, first 2 nights central accom near Roma Metro Station with a hop-on, hop-off tour, flight from Lisbon to Madrid, last 2 nights central accom near Puerta del Sol Square and return flights from Madrid. **BONUS** $100* off the cost of GOGO Worldwide Vacations land product included in package price plus also receive price drop protection* and a Plaza Premium Lounge pass*.

## Viva Las Vegas

### Las Vegas
Flights + 3 Nights 4-Star + Show Tickets
from **$409**

**INCLUDES** 4-star accom on the Strip.
**BONUS** two free$^{\Delta}$ tickets to Las Vegas' best shows included.
**UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom from $445.
**UPGRADE** to 5-star accom from $495.

## All-inclusive Packages

### Varadero
7 Nights 4-Star
from **$929**

**UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom from $1079.

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| **Riviera Nayarit** 7 Nights 4-Star **UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom from $1115. | from $1019 |
| **Los Cabos** 7 Nights 4.5-Star | from $1059 |
| **Cancun** 7 Nights 4-Star **UPGRADE** to 5-star accom from $1149. | from $1089 |
| **Riviera Maya** 7 Nights 4-Star **UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom from $1349. | from $1099 |

## Family Fun

### Anaheim Family Special
Flights + 4 Nights
from **$399**$^{\Diamond}$

**INCLUDES** accom near attractions and theme parks. Price per person based on family of 4. **ADD** full-size car rental with unlimited mileage from $79$^{\Diamond}$. **ADD** Knott's Berry Farm Theme Park 1-day admission from $59/adult, $45/child (ages 3-11). **BOOK** this package based on double occupancy from $539.

## Friday Inspiration

### Orlando & Western Caribbean
Star Wars™ Day At Sea Family Special, Flights + 2 Nights + 7-Night Cruise
from **$2455**$^{\Diamond}$

Set sail on a ship to an island far, far away on the first official *Disney* Star Wars™ themed cruise. Enjoy a full day event onboard where you can meet your favourite Star Wars™ heroes and villains, have access to exclusive merchandise, attend deck parties, sit front row at the only at-sea screenings of upcoming Episode VII and more. Spend your days at port on the beaches of the Western Caribbean which include a day on *Castaway Cay*, *Disney's* private island in the Bahamas. **INCLUDES** flights, 2 nights Orlando 4-star accom near theme parks and 7-night Star Wars™ themed cruise sailing roundtrip Port Canaveral visiting Cozumel, Grand Cayman and *Castaway Cay*. Price per person based on family of 4. **UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom and balcony stateroom from $2699$^{\Diamond}$. **BOOK** based on double occupancy from $3099.

## Exotic Adventure

### Thailand 8-Day Tour
from **$965**

**HIGHLIGHTS** explore the dynamic vibe of Bangkok, enjoy the tranquility of Sukhothai, get up close to the elephants at the Friends of the Asian Elephant Hospital in Lampang, discover adventure and relaxation in Chiang Mai. Roundtrip Bangkok. Travel Apr 26/itp.

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